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Six U.S. crew killed in Iraq refuelling aircraft crash

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

A U.S. KC-135 refuelling aircraft crashed in Iraq killing all six crew members, the military said on Friday, adding that the incident was not caused by "hostile fire or friendly fire". A second plane involved in the incident landed safely.

Iran's military said in an earlier statement that an allied group in Iraq had downed the aircraft with a missile, killing all its crew, while the Islamic Resistance in Iraq, a loose alliance of Iran-backed factions, claimed to have downed a KC-135.

The deaths bring the number of U.S. service members killed in the ongoing conflict with Iran to at least 13.

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Centre sets aside ₹57,381 cr. to offset 'global headwinds'

The 'Economic Stabilisation Fund' from supplementary grants to provide fiscal space amid global uncertainties, says Finance Minister; Lok Sabha clears grant with around ₹2 lakh crore cash outgo

T.C.A. Sharad Raghavan
NEW DELHI

Amid the $100-per-barrel oil shock and fears of energy shortage and supply chain disruptions arising out of the West Asia conflict, the Centre has allocated ₹57,381 crore for an Economic Stabilisation Fund that would provide it fiscal space to address global headwinds, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said in the Lok Sabha on Friday. She was replying to the debate on the Second Supplementary Demand for Grants the government placed before Parliament.

The Lok Sabha on Friday passed the Centre's demand for a net cash outgo of ₹2.01 lakh crore, including the ₹57,381-crore allocation. Ms. Sitharaman said the Centre would meet its fiscal deficit target for 2025-26 even after taking these fresh allocations into consideration. The Centre had sought approval for spending around ₹2.81 lakh crore extra in the current fiscal. With additional receipts of around ₹80,000 crore estimated in the supplementary, the net additional cash spending will be ₹2.01 lakh crore.

Emergency response

The Lok Sabha on Friday passed the Centre's Second Supplementary Demand for Grants

- Approval sought for gross additional expenditure of around **₹2.81 lakh crore**
- Savings and receipts aggregates to around **₹80,000 crore**
- Around **₹2.01 lakh crore** net cash outgo for additional expenditures

I want to highlight the point that the proposed Economic Stabilisation Fund will provide fiscal headroom to allow India to respond to the global headwinds
NIRMALA SITHARAMAN
Union Finance Minister

'Strong framework'

The Minister said policy initiatives undertaken post COVID-19 "made sure that the economy recovered well" and helped the government strengthen the macroeconomic framework. This has enabled the country to absorb economic shocks without deviating from the fiscal consolidation road map, she said.

"But I want to highlight the point that the proposed Economic Stabilisation Fund will provide fiscal headroom to allow India to respond to the global headwinds, such as the recent crisis, unanticipated supply chain disruptions, unexpected shocks to sub-sectors in the Indian economy and any other event that may have significant fiscal implications," Ms. Sitharaman said.

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30 Congress MLAs hold dinner meeting

BENGALURU
About 30 MLAs of the Congressmet for a dinner meeting at a private club in Bengaluru on Thursday to press the party high command to allow Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to undertake a Cabinet reshuffle and induct senior legislators. » PAGE 12

Bengaluru shows consistently low PM2.5 levels

BENGALURU
A report states that Bengaluru shows consistently low PM2.5 levels compared to other cities and stands out for maintaining the lowest and most stable air quality. » PAGE 5

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Smooth wheeling

Fresh rink: Children at the newly inaugurated roller skating ground in Udhagamandalam of Tamil Nadu on Friday. M. SATHYAMOORTHY

IPL 2026 in Bengaluru likely to get the green light after stadium safety overhaul

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) is likely to receive the green signal from the multi-departmental committee to host the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026.

This follows KSCA putting in place safety measures suggested by the one-man judicial inquiry commission of former High Court judge Michael Cunha, sources confirmed to *The Hindu*.

Home Minister G. Parameshwara is likely to make an announcement in this regard on Monday (March 16) after a meeting with the committee, when the final report will be submitted. The committee members say that matches will, in all likelihood, be played with full spectator capacity, though a negligible reduction in stand capacity can be expected. No big ticket matches have been held in the stadium since June 4, 2025, when 11 fans died in a stampede during an Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) victory celebrations.

Work in progress at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru, which is readying to host IPL matches. K. MURALI KUMAR

This time around, cricket fans visiting the stadium will see new safety protocols, as they will need to pass through two layers of gates in a systematic manner, with the stadium having undergone major structural modifications. Several no-entry points have been implemented, multiple holding areas have been created, and even the gate numbers have been changed, according to a committee source. For years, congestion along Queen's Road during matches has been a major concern.

The committee appears to have found a solution: no spectator entry will be allowed from the gates along Queen's Road.

"Our main focus is spectator safety, for which we designed a plan based on Mr. Cunha's observations. This will require fans to unlearn several things, beginning with entry points," the source said.

The IPL is set to kick off on March 28, with defending champions and the home team RCB locking horns with neighbours Sunrisers Hyderabad in the inaugural match at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium.

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Farewell, Alyssa Healy — keeper of Australia's ever-burning flame

The 35-year-old set the tone, both in front of the stumps and behind them, for one of the most successful teams in sports history. She had a knack of producing the innings that mattered in the game that mattered. Cricket will miss her strokeplay, glovework and leadership, not to mention her cheeky sense of humour

P.K. Ajith Kumar

The temperature hovered around 40-degree Celsius. But that didn't stop fans from filling up the Reliance Cricket Stadium in Vadodara. That was a bit unusual at the time – eight years ago – for a women's cricket match.

That was still the time when for most Indians, women's cricket meant Mithali Raj, the batter who would hit headlines almost every other week with a new record. She was the captain of that side that took on Meg Lanning's Australia in the three-match ODI series in Vadodara.

The turning point

India was walloped 0-3, as the Aussie women served revenge cold that insanely hot week in March, 2018. They avenged their stunning defeat in the 2017 World Cup semifinal in which they were blown away by an out-of-the-world innings from Harmanpreet Kaur at Derby.

One of the highlights of that series was a brilliant hundred by Alyssa Healy. The 115-ball 133 would prove a turning point in her career. She took the game away from India with strokes all around the park.

She hadn't quite become the destroyer at the top of the order. Or the woman who would develop this knack to produce the innings that would matter most in the match that mattered most.

Healy, who ended her international career with the Test against India at Perth, will always be remembered as one of women's cricket's all-time greats. It is not just her strokeplay, or her energy behind the stumps, that will be missed. Her friendly smile will be missed, too. As will her sense of humour as well as her chattiness and cheekiness.

> Marrying a cricketer [Mitchell Starc] wasn't the smartest thing in trying to move away from cricket
>
> **ALYSSA HEALY**

Jhulan Goswami noticed that early on. "Even when she was a teenager, she wasn't afraid to talk to the batter from behind the stumps and she said something to me while I was batting," the former India seamer tells *The Hindu*. "I wasn't expecting that. I was impressed by her keeping, which reminded me of Ian Healy [her uncle]."

Though Jhulan was convinced of her talent, Healy exceeded her expectations. "She has grown as a player massively," she says. "Over the last few years, you could find that in challenging situations, she always steps up and takes responsibility."

Former India captain Shubhangi Kulkarni feels Healy is a natural leader who brings energy and aggression to the team. "She set the tone for the Australian innings," she says. "She performs on the big stage."

Like she did against India in the final of the 2020 T20 World Cup at Melbourne, with 75 off just 39 balls. Two years later, she smashed 170 off 138 balls in the ODI World Cup final against England at Christchurch. Both innings, of course, helped Australia win the titles.

Healy has been a part of an incredibly gifted Australian team that has won eight World Cups (6 T20, 2 ODI). That team, like Clive Lloyd's West Indies and Bradman's Invincibles, is among the greatest in the history of sport. The Women in Yellow set a record of 26 ODI wins in a row from March 2018 to September 2021.

Lanning, who captained the side for almost a decade, retired in 2023. Healy then took over. She actually put her hand up. She recently revealed that she had called up chairman of selectors Shawn Flegler and told him that she wanted that job. "I can be really proud of that moment when I took a really bold step," she said. "It was somebody who I really trusted that suggested I make that phone call."

Leading from the front

She may not have been able to add another World Cup to Australian cricket's crowded showcase, but she has led her team from the front. Last year, Australia beat England in every match of the Women's Ashes – three ODIs, three T20Is and the one-off Test.

In her last series, against India, she led Australia to a 3-0 win in the ODIs, before the Test victory at the WACA. That was a fine comeback after the Aussies, under new captain Sophie Molineux, lost the T20I series.

In her final ODI, Healy cracked a 98-ball 158. She could not have dreamt of a better farewell knock. And that innings encapsulated her batting.

She ended her career with 7,333 international runs and hit nine hundreds and 39 fifties. Even in a batting line-up that featured the likes of Lanning, Ellyse Perry, Beth Mooney and Tahlia McGrath, Healy could make her presence felt.

As is the case with most batters, moving up the order helped her batting. It was after the loss to India in the 2017 World Cup that Healy became a regular as an opener.

During an interview in Mumbai three years ago, Healy had told this writer that the defeat had changed the way Australia played its ODI cricket.

"We decided we needed to come up with some different stuff," she said. "It was a real turning point for the group and me personally. Before that, I was batting in the middle and probably didn't know what my role was. So from that moment on, we reinvented how we wanted to play One-Day cricket and that included me at the top of the order. At that time being 27 and where I was in my career, it gave me the confidence to do better."

Her confidence indeed showed during that maiden international hundred in Vadodara. At the press conference, she admitted, smiling, "Yes, there was a little bit of revenge."

After Vadodara, she went on to produce breathtaking knocks across the globe, including 148 not out off 61 balls against Sri Lanka at North Sydney Oval in 2019 (a T20I record then). She also holds the record for the most dismissals as a wicketkeeper in T20Is (126).

She may not have been the most stylish of 'keepers in women's cricket, like Sarah Taylor, but she was among the most effective. She was quick and smart, too.

She has also been one of the more popular female cricketers around. She has played a role in the transformation of women's cricket, which a girl can now look upon as a well-paying full-time job, and not just a hobby.

Team before self

Healy, of course, would have loved to play more Tests. In a 16-year international career, she played just 11 Tests. In her last Test, she was given the option of opening Australia's second innings. But always the team player, she didn't want to disrupt the young partnership of Georgia Voll and Phoebe Litchfield, who chased down the modest target of 25 set by India.

And Healy had an explanation: "I wanted to protect my Test average of 20."

She was being modest. The average is close to 30.

Healy is looking forward to some new things in life, but confessed, "Marrying a cricketer [Mitchell Starc] wasn't the smartest thing in trying to move away from cricket."

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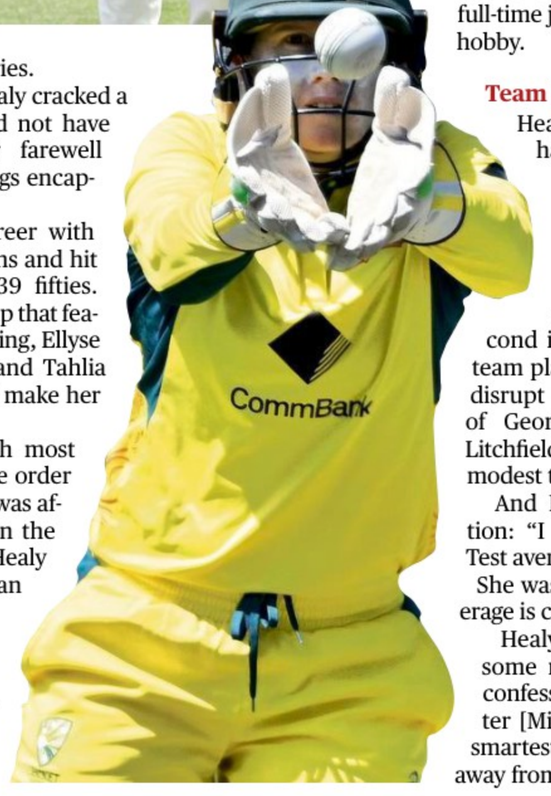

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>
> **JHULAN GOSWAMI**

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Carlos Alcaraz	22	13,550	18
2	Jannik Sinner	24	10,400	19
3	Novak Djokovic	38	5,280	18
4	Alexander Zverev	28	4,555	22
5	Lorenzo Musetti	23	4,405	22
6	Alex de Minaur	27	4,235	22
7	Taylor Fritz	28	4,220	23
8	Ben Shelton	23	4,010	22
9	Felix Auger-Aliassime	25	3,950	26
10	Alexander Bublik	28	3,405	26
11	Daniil Medvedev	30	3,360	24
12	Jakub Mensik	20	2,650	23
13	Casper Ruud	27	2,625	22
14	Jack Draper	24	2,510	17
15	Flavio Cobolli	23	2,480	30

Top Indians ▶

Sumit Nagal
Rank 282 ▲ 4 spots

Aryan Shah
Rank 416 ▼ 7 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Aryna Sabalenka	27	10,675	20
2	Iga Swiatek	24	7,588	20
3	Elena Rybakina	26	7,253	22
4	Coco Gauff	21	6,803	20
5	Jessica Pegula	32	6,583	22
6	Amanda Anisimova	24	6,070	21
7	Jasmine Paolini	30	4,232	20
8	Mirra Andreeva	18	4,001	20
9	Elina Svitolina	31	3,845	16
10	Victoria Mboko	19	3,211	21
11	Ekaterina Alexandrova	31	2,918	26
12	Belinda Bencic	28	2,898	19
13	Karolina Muchova	29	2,668	16
14	Linda Noskova	21	2,421	23
15	Madison Keys	31	2,351	19

Top Indians ▶

Sahaja Yamalapalli
Rank 393 ▲ 4 spots

Vaishnavi Adkar
Rank 468 ▼ 2 spots

English Premier League Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Arsenal	30	20	7	3	59	22	37	67
2	Man. City	29	18	6	5	59	27	32	60
3	Man. United	29	14	9	6	51	40	11	51
4	Aston Villa	29	15	6	8	39	34	5	51
5	Chelsea	29	13	9	7	53	34	19	48
6	Liverpool	29	14	6	9	48	39	9	48
7	Brentford	29	13	5	11	44	40	4	44
8	Everton	29	12	7	10	34	33	1	43
9	Bournemouth	29	9	13	7	44	46	-2	40
10	Fulham	29	12	4	13	40	43	-3	40
11	Sunderland	29	10	10	9	30	34	-4	40
12	Newcastle	29	11	6	12	42	43	-1	39
13	Crystal Palace	29	10	8	11	33	35	-2	38
14	Brighton	29	9	10	10	38	36	2	37
15	Leeds United	29	7	10	12	37	48	-11	31
16	Tottenham	29	7	8	14	39	46	-7	29
17	N. Forest	29	7	7	15	28	43	-15	28
18	West Ham	29	7	7	15	35	54	-19	28
19	Burnley	29	4	7	18	32	58	-26	19
20	Wolves	30	3	7	20	22	52	-30	16

Italian Serie A Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Inter Milan	28	22	1	5	64	22	42	67
2	AC Milan	28	17	9	2	44	20	24	60
3	Napoli	28	17	5	6	43	29	14	56
4	Como	28	14	9	5	46	21	25	51
5	Roma	28	16	3	9	38	21	17	51
6	Juventus	28	14	8	6	50	28	22	50
7	Atalanta	28	12	10	6	39	26	13	46
8	Bologna	28	11	6	11	37	34	3	39
9	Sassuolo	28	11	5	12	35	38	-3	38
10	Lazio	28	9	10	9	28	28	0	37
11	Udinese	28	10	6	12	33	41	-8	36
12	Parma	28	8	10	10	20	32	-12	34
13	Genoa	28	7	9	12	34	40	-6	30
14	Cagliari	28	7	9	12	30	38	-8	30
15	Torino	28	8	6	14	28	49	-21	30
16	Lecce	28	7	6	15	20	37	-17	27
17	Fiorentina	28	5	10	13	30	42	-12	25
18	Cremonese	28	5	9	14	22	40	-18	24
19	Verona	28	3	9	16	22	49	-27	18
20	Pisa	28	1	12	15	20	48	-28	15

Spanish LaLiga Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Barcelona	27	22	1	4	72	26	46	67
2	Real Madrid	27	20	3	4	56	23	33	63
3	Atletico Madrid	27	16	6	5	46	25	21	54
4	Villarreal	27	17	3	7	50	32	18	54
5	Real Betis	27	11	10	6	42	34	8	43
6	Celta Vigo	27	10	10	7	37	30	7	40
7	Espanyol	27	10	7	10	34	40	-6	37
8	Real Sociedad	27	9	8	10	40	41	-1	35
9	Getafe	27	10	5	12	23	29	-6	35
10	Athletic Club	27	10	5	12	30	37	-7	35
11	Osasuna	27	9	7	11	32	32	0	34
12	Valencia	27	8	8	11	30	41	-11	32
13	Rayo Vallecano	27	7	10	10	27	33	-6	31
14	Sevilla	27	8	7	12	35	42	-7	31
15	Girona	27	7	10	10	28	43	-15	31
16	Alaves	27	7	6	14	25	37	-12	27
17	Elche	27	5	11	11	35	41	-6	26
18	Real Mallorca	27	6	7	14	31	44	-13	25
19	Levante	27	5	7	15	29	45	-16	22
20	Real Oviedo	27	3	9	15	17	44	-27	18

German Bundesliga Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Bayern	25	21	3	1	92	24	68	66
2	Dortmund	25	16	7	2	53	26	27	55
3	Hoffenheim	25	15	4	6	53	33	20	49
4	Stuttgart	25	14	5	6	50	34	16	47
5	RB Leipzig	25	14	5	6	48	34	14	47
6	Leverkusen	25	13	5	7	48	32	16	44
7	E. Frankfurt	25	9	8	8	48	49	-1	35
8	SC Freiburg	25	9	7	9	37	42	-5	34
9	FC Augsburg	25	9	4	12	31	43	-12	31
10	Hamburg	25	7	8	10	28	36	-8	29
11	Union Berlin	25	7	7	11	30	42	-12	28
12	M'gladbach	25	6	7	12	28	43	-15	25
13	Werder	25	6	7	12	29	45	-16	25
14	Cologne	25	6	6	13	34	43	-9	24
15	Mainz	25	5	9	11	29	41	-12	24
16	St Pauli	25	6	6	13	23	40	-17	24
17	Wolfsburg	25	5	5	15	34	55	-21	20
18	Heidenheim	25	3	5	17	24	57	-33	14

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Joe Root	880	932
2	Harry Brook	857	898
3	Travis Head	853	884
4	Steve Smith	831	947
5	Kane Williamson	822	919
6	Kamindu Mendis	781	784
7	Temba Bavuma	775	806
8	Yashasvi Jaiswal	750	858
9	Saud Shakeel	734	787
10	Shubman Gill	730	807

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Jasprit Bumrah	879	908
2	Noman Ali	843	853
3	Mitchell Starc	838	852
4	Matt Henry	836	853
5	Pat Cummins	832	914
6	Marco Jansen	825	825
7	Scott Boland	820	820
8	Kagiso Rabada	807	902
9	Josh Hazlewood	775	864
10	Nathan Lyon	753	812

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Daryl Mitchell	845	845
2	Virat Kohli	795	909
3	Ibrahim Zadran	764	764
4	Rohit Sharma	757	882
5	Shubman Gill	723	847
6	Babar Azam	722	898
7	Harry Tector	708	767
8	Shai Hope	701	802
9	Charith Asalanka	672	725
10	K.L. Rahul	670	683

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Rashid Khan	710	799
2	Jofra Archer	650	683
3	Keshav Maharaj	646	741
4	Bernard Scholtz	645	648
5	Adil Rashid	632	675
6	Josh Hazlewood	628	727
6	Maheesh Theekshana	628	686
8	Kuldeep Yadav	625	761
9	Abrar Ahmed	624	630
10	Mitchell Santner	617	657

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Abhishek Sharma	875	931
2	Ishan Kishan	871	871
3	Sahibzada Farhan	848	848
4	Phil Salt	792	881
5	Pathum Nissanka	766	796
6	Tim Seifert	749	749
7	Tilak Varma	742	845
8	Dewald Brevis	738	738
9	Suryakumar Yadav	722	912
10	Jos Buttler	716	794

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Rashid Khan	753	828
2	Varun Chakaravarthy	740	818
3	Abrar Ahmed	736	757
4	Adil Rashid	721	747
5	Corbin Bosch	704	731
6	Jasprit Bumrah	702	783
7	Adam Zampa	682	746
8	Matthew Forde	667	679
9	Mustafizur Rahman	665	718
10	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	663	757

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I want to play the next level; I'm at the top of my game and definitely ready

Shreyas Gopal had an eye-catching Ranji Trophy season, claiming 48 wickets with his leg-spin and scoring valuable runs for Karnataka. In this conversation, the 32-year-old talks about his ambitions, what has gone into making him the cricketer he is, why spinners need time to develop, how challenging it is to train two skills as an all-rounder, and what he is most looking forward to in his IPL assignment with Chennai Super Kings

INTERVIEW

Shreyas Gopal

N. Sudarshan

Ever since Shreyas Gopal returned to Karnataka after spending a year in Kerala, he has been a changed man. In Karnataka's victorious 2024-25 Vijay Hazare Trophy dash, Shreyas took 18 wickets – his second-best List A season, topped only by his 20 wickets in 2017-18.

In 2025-26, as the Southern powerhouse reached its first Ranji Trophy final since its 2014-15 triumph, Shreyas recorded his best campaign ever, starring with 48 scalps, the third-highest among all bowlers. There were two 10-wicket hauls – another first – and he bowled at an average of 23.14 against a career number of 28.17.

He shone with the bat too, scoring 469 runs – third-best in his 12 seasons – at an average of 33.50. His five half-centuries showed that his run-making was spread out and consistent.

At 32, Shreyas is seemingly at the peak of his prowess, and he spoke to *The Hindu* on the sidelines of the Ranji Trophy final, which Karnataka eventually lost to Jammu & Kashmir, in Hubballi. Excerpts:

> You have to toil, be okay to bowl 35 overs to pick up five wickets, and come back to score a 50, and bowl another 35 overs

Can you sum up the season?

Definitely one of my better seasons, with both bat and ball. It was very satisfying because performances turned into victories for the team. As a young player, you will want to do well and that will be the primary focus. But as you mature, you will understand how important winning is. I'm grateful that I have had a few trophies under my belt. A lot of the wickets, and a few good innings that I've played, have mattered a lot for the team. So I'm glad.

What has worked as a red-ball bowler for you?

I think the volume of bowling. People are seeing the wickets now, but the work I've put in in the last four years has given me success. You need it coming into a tournament like the Ranji Trophy. With the wickets [pitches] that we're getting, where batters are scoring hundreds and double-hundreds in every other match, it is very hard to run through a side. You have to toil, be okay to bowl 35 overs to pick up five wickets, and come back to score a 50, and bowl another 35 overs. It is mental as well, where you need to convince yourself that this is what it takes to win tournaments and play for your country. I clearly want to do it and play the next level.

> There's a good old saying that spinners mature late. I think you need to reach that age to understand why people say that

Your economy-rate this Ranji season was in the 2.70s [2.79]. For a wrist-spinner, it is all the more excellent. Did the volume you spoke about help? Your career number is close to 3.5 [3.44]...

Definitely. The number of overs I bowl post the IPL till the first Ranji Trophy match is pretty high. I almost reach about 300 overs, across practice matches and local tournaments, so that during Ranji, my body will not say: I am not prepared for this. There's a good old saying that spinners mature late. I think you need to reach that age to understand why people say that.

Mentally, how have you stayed sharp?

It's the passion and hunger. Sometimes, you're too focused on the result and detach yourself from the process. But the more you can attach yourself to the process and stay as detached as possible from the result, it gives you a better chance of performing well and getting picked for the next level. That's something that I've always tried doing.

Did the shift away to Kerala in 2023-24 kindle a new fire?

It did a lot of good. As a professional player [from outside the State], you're expected to do everything. There were times when I got a good score and wanted a bit of rest, but was told to immediately start bowling. But I'm saying this in a completely positive sense. You come out much tougher, mentally and physically. It gave me a second perspective as to what is actually expected of an all-rounder. You should be able to score 50 or 100, bat till the last wicket and then deliver a spell of 30-35 overs straight up. These things are spoken about very less. But every professional goes through it and that's why a lot of them do really well when they come back to their States.

Can you talk about developing your bowling and batting in tandem, and how difficult it is to be someone who can be picked on either skill?

It's very hard. Practice, in terms of volumes, is going to be a lot. Batters bat three-four times a week and same with bowlers. As an all-rounder, you have to do both. But when you look at it positively, it is a chance to make such a massive contribution. You have the best chance of making a team. I really want to continue doing that.

How do you see your role as a bowler across formats? The skill-sets are different...

I did more with the white ball in the previous seasons and now my red-ball bowling has come along well. So I'm excited. What I have been practising is probably working, but everyone has to keep getting better – in terms of strategy, execution, and variations.

You have played for India-A. What are your ambitions now?

I'm at the top of my game and definitely ready. It's every player's dream to represent their country, and I'm extremely patriotic and passionate about it. If and when that opportunity arises, I'm going to be extremely grateful and do my absolute best.

Is it an advantage that there aren't many leg-spinning red-ball options at the national level?

I have not thought of it like that. I'm just trying to put in my best performances. If I can do that, I'm sure the opportunity will arise and space will be created.

You weren't part of the IPL in 2023. But this season comes at a very good time in your career, and Chennai Super Kings has always valued spinners. How are you looking ahead?

I was a little upset when I missed out on the IPL. But I wanted to come out hard, hungry and determined because I had to put in exceptional performances. I think I have done it so far. I'm happy with those hours, days and months of practice, often behind closed doors, with no one watching.

They called me back to Karnataka [in 2024], and from there, to win the Vijay Hazare Trophy and now play in a Ranji Trophy final... it has been a lot of hard work and I'm glad it's paying off. I'm also very grateful to both Mumbai Indians [in 2024] and CSK for giving me the opportunity to show that I can play all formats. We have some of the best minds in the sport. To learn from some of these legends will be phenomenal.

You have played just seven IPL matches starting 2021. How eager are you to prove that you belong?

Team combinations mean that sometimes you miss out. That's part of franchise cricket and being in the best T20 league. But this time, if I get a game, I am going to give everything I have. Hopefully it turns into victories and victories into trophies.

GAME THEORY

Shot-stoppers in Premier League **2025-26**

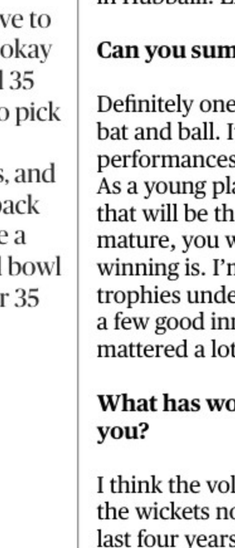
We take a look at how often goalkeepers in England's top flight have saved shots on target and kept clean sheets so far this season.

David Raya

Gianluigi Donnarumma

Dean Henderson

Goalkeeper	Club	Games	Shots on target faced	Saves	Save%	Clean sheets	Clean sheet %
David Raya	Arsenal	30	69	46	68.1	14	46.7
Gianluigi Donnarumma	Man. City	26	85	61	72.9	11	42.3
Dean Henderson	Crystal Palace	29	115	84	73.0	10	34.5
Jordan Pickford	Everton	29	107	77	71.0	10	34.5
Robert Sanchez	Chelsea	27	102	70	69.6	9	33.3
Alisson	Liverpool	24	77	50	64.9	8	33.3
Dorde Petrovic	Bournemouth	29	130	88	67.7	8	27.6
Robin Roefs	Sunderland	28	115	84	72.2	8	28.6
Caoimhin Kelleher	Brentford	28	101	71	67.3	7	25.0
Emiliano Martínez	Aston Villa	25	97	72	73.2	7	28.0
Nick Pope	Newcastle	22	97	67	69.1	7	31.8
Guglielmo Vicario	Tottenham	29	120	76	63.3	7	24.1
Bart Verbruggen	Brighton	29	109	77	71.6	6	20.7
Senne Lammens	Man. Utd.	23	79	53	67.1	5	21.7
Bernd Leno	Fulham	29	111	71	64.0	5	17.2
Jose Sa	Wolves	18	75	49	65.3	4	22.2
Matz Sels	N. Forest	22	90	63	70.0	4	19.0
Martin Dubravka	Burnley	29	159	106	66.7	3	10.3
Lucas Perri	Leeds United	16	63	38	60.3	3	18.8
Karl Darlow	Leeds United	13	51	34	66.7	1	7.7
Alphonse Areola	West Ham	20	108	76	70.4	0	0.0
Sam Johnstone	Wolves	12	62	39	62.9	0	0.0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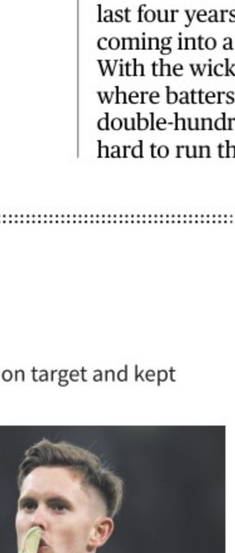
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Towards this endeavour, SailGP uses F50 foiling catamarans — one of the fastest racing classes, with top speeds of over 100 kmph — in spectacular locations, such as Sydney in this photograph.

The F50 catamarans used in the competition are one-design boats maintained and operated by SailGP.

One-design is a racing principle in which all vehicles have identical or very similar designs.

SailGP adopted one-design in a bid to deter 'secret arms races'.

This is something the organisers reportedly think is a failing of the America's Cup, sailing's most famous event and the oldest international sports competition still operating.

The aim of SailGP is to ensure that races are decided by skill and ability, not access to better technology. In addition to the one-design principle, technical information — including large tranches of data collected using Oracle systems — is shared among the teams.

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Inside Archana Puran Singh's home

In Asian Paints *Where The Heart Is* Season 9, Singh opens the doors to her Madh Island villa shaped by Dehradun memories and family life

K.S. Swati

Home is where the heart is, and a lot of effort goes into creating the perfect house that not only reflects your past but also has enough space to hold your present and future. Season 9 of Asian Paints *Where The Heart Is* captures the everyday routine and memories that turn a space into a home. It features home tours by actors Archana Puran Singh, Keerthy Suresh and Sonakshi Sinha, cricketer Gautam Gambhir, and Aman Gupta, co-founder of boAt and *Shark Tank India* judge. The episode that stayed with me is of Singh's Madh Island villa.

Singh takes us through the living room that echoes the joyous days of childhood, a beautiful space to host parties for friends and family, a cosy corner in the living room with a memory wall, a dressing table that boosts confidence and a guitar stand, all replete with myriad memories.

The Spanish villa-style home located in northern Mumbai mirrors Singh's childhood in Dehradun. "Growing up in Dehradun shaped so much of who I am, and when we started building our home in Madh Island, those memories just showed up naturally. My childhood house was this joyful place, full of laughter and dreams that my dad nurtured, where we children painted, heard music, and played indoor and outdoor games. It made me crave the same sense of peace and creativity here in my Madh home," Singh says to me. The earthy palette and the strong connection to the garden create a sense of calm that pervades the house. "I wanted the space to feel grounded and soul-soothing, where the indoors seamlessly flow into the outdoors. Thanks to my mother, who lives with me and truly has a green thumb, we've grown a beautiful variety of fruits and vegetables in our garden over the years."

Singh's favourite place

For Singh, the most important room is the master bedroom that opens up to a luscious garden. The space holds her family's laughter and fights. The living room is created with a subtle lime-based finish using Asian Paints Nilaya Arc. She says, "Aaryamann, my elder son, has made the most out of the performance space in the living room. We have seen his music career, which began in this space, blossom over the years and fill our home with many a musical evening." The focus on local materials and collecting personal pieces truly won my heart. The simple idea of following your gut should perhaps be applied to everyday scenarios as well. "We sourced local Malad stone for the pergola and paving, church lamps from Mahim craftsmen, Mangalorean tiles that echo our villa's Spanish style, and breathable linens throughout the home," says Singh. For her, the most precious piece is Aaryamann's handmade guitar stand. Maybe one day, when I set up my own house, I will draw inspiration from Singh's Spanish villa, where childhood, nature, and local materials beautifully amalgamate.

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'Bengaluru shows consistently low PM2.5 levels compared to other cities'

The report says that median concentrations remain relatively stable, with a slight increase during the winter months

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A new report states that Bengaluru shows consistently low PM2.5 levels compared to other cities and stands out for maintaining the lowest and most stable air quality.

The report, 'Meteorology-Driven Persistence of PM2.5 Pollution in Indian Cities: Implications for NCAP Phase-III', by Climate Trends, analyses how meteorological conditions influence the persistence of PM2.5 pollution across six major Indian cities: Delhi, Patna, Kolkata, Mumbai, Chennai, and Bengaluru.

The report is based on the Central Pollution Control Board's air quality monitoring data from 2024–2025. FILE PHOTO

Seasonal mean PM2.5 concentrations in Bengaluru indicate better air quality when compared to northern cities

On CPCB data

The report is based on the Central Pollution Control Board's (CPCB) air quality monitoring data from 2024-2025, and the analysis integrates station-averaged CPCB observations with meteorological clustering to characterise PM2.5 behaviour across monthly, seasonal, and regime-specific scales.

"Bengaluru shows consistently low PM2.5 levels compared to other cities. Median concentrations remain relatively stable, with only a slight increase during the winter months. The narrow interquartile ranges across most months indicate low variability and fewer extreme pollution events, making Bengaluru the least polluted city among those analysed," the report states.

It added that the seasonal mean PM2.5 concentrations in Bengaluru indicate better air quality when compared to northern cities, with clear seasonal variability across both years.

According to the report in 2024, the seasonal mean values were 37.4 micrograms per cubic metre in the winter, 35.7 micrograms per cubic metre in the summer, 15.7 micrograms per cubic metre during the monsoon, and 33.3 micrograms per cubic metre in the post-monsoon season.

Seasonal mean PM2.5

City	2024	2025
Delhi	174.9	156.8
Patna	113.7	91.1
Kolkata	80.9	77.2
Mumbai	56.6	53.8
Chennai	37.8	45.7
Bengaluru	37.4	42.4

micrograms per cubic metre

During colder months

"In 2025, winter pollution increased to 42.4 micrograms per cubic metre, indicating slightly poorer air quality during colder months, while significant improvements were observed in other seasons. The summer mean dropped sharply to 24.7 micrograms per cubic metre, the monsoon mean declined further to 13.4 micrograms per cubic metre, and the post-monsoon mean reduced to 28.6 micrograms per cubic metre, reflecting overall seasonal improvement outside winter in 2025," the report states.

The monthly average PM2.5 values further illustrate these patterns.

In 2024, the highest monthly mean was observed in March (46.2 micrograms per cubic metre), followed by January (39.6 micrograms per cubic metre) and February (39.4 micrograms per cubic metre), while the cleanest months were June and July (both ~11-12 micrograms per cubic metre) due to the monsoon influence.

In 2025, most months recorded lower mean values compared to 2024, particularly in April (26.9 micrograms per cubic metre) and May (15.2 micrograms per cubic metre).

However, winter months showed mixed trends, with January (40.4 micrograms per cubic metre) remaining high and a sharp increase in December (52.2 micrograms per cubic metre), the highest monthly mean across both years.

"Overall, the mean PM2.5 levels suggest that Bengaluru experienced cleaner air in 2025 during summer, monsoon, and post-monsoon seasons, although episodic winter pollution remains a concern," the report stated.

Delhi highest

The report identifies Delhi as the most severely polluted city, recording the highest annual PM2.5 levels and extended periods of severe air quality in winter. Patna emerges as the second-most polluted city, while Mumbai and Chennai saw a rise in annual pollution levels in 2025.

II PU students now get two years to improve their results

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BENGALURU

The State government has issued an order allowing regular, private, and repeating candidates only two years to improve their results in the II PU examination. They can write the examination only in the year in which they have registered and in the examinations held in the next academic year.

Accordingly, if a candidate writes three annual examinations in one particular year and wishes to improve his or her score, they will have to mandatorily clear the three annual examinations to be held in the next year, with no subsequent attempts allowed.

Earlier, regular, private, and repeating candidates, who failed in the II PU examination and wished to improve their results, were allowed up to a total of six attempts to write the exam.

The government introduced the three annual examination system for SSLC and II PU students in 2024-25, allowing students to improve their scores. Accordingly, all types of students (fresher, repeating, and private) registered for the 2024 II PU Examination-1, 2 and 3, were allowed to improve their results in the subsequent years.

Earlier, regular, private, and repeating candidates, who failed in the II PU examination and wished to improve their results, were allowed up to six attempts. FILE PHOTO

However, this order was not clear about the number of attempts and the time limit for students to improve their results.

Every year, when the Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB) conducts the registration process for the examination, the data of all the students and all the subjects in which they have passed in the previous years should be entered in the college login. There is a possibility of technical difficulties in maintaining this data.

Marks sheets are printed and distributed to students who either pass or fail. When a failed student tries again to improve the results and succeeds, the mark sheet is reprinted, and the earlier mark sheet is withdrawn. "In such cases, the management of mark sheets is very complicated," notes the order.

In this context, the KSEAB had submitted a proposal to the government that fresher, private, and repeater students who register for II PU examination every year be limited to only two years to improve their II PU exam results.

Alumni of various U.K. varsities honoured

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Meghna Singhania, founder and editor-in-chief of Medical Dialogues, Aman Dhall, founder of CommsCredible, Pavan Kumar Sriram, a social entrepreneur and founder of Kohort and The Growth Collective, and Richa Roy, a partner at Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas were conferred with the 'Study U.K. Alumni Awards 2026' in India, on Friday.

Recognition

All these awardees were the alumni of various universities of the U.K. and this award recognised their remarkable work and achievements, according to a release.

British Council hosted the twelfth edition of the 'Study U.K. Alumni Awards 2026' in India.

From Page One

IPL 2026 in Bengaluru likely to get nod after stadium safety overhaul

Five RCB matches are scheduled to be played in Bengaluru during the 2026 edition.

In a sub-committee inspection held on March 3, it was observed that the KSCA was lagging behind, with only two suggestions implemented. However, during a mock walk-through conducted on Friday, the main committee headed by M. Maheshwar Rao of the Greater Bengaluru Authority found that all the required works had nearly been completed, according to members.

"Several works have been completed, and some require finishing touches, needing seven to ten days for full completion. Once the works are done, two more drills will be conducted (scheduled for March 23 and 26), during which changes will be suggested if necessary," a member said.

Entry points

The major change for fans will be the entry gates, as more gates have been added. Spectator entry will be limited to gates along Link Road and Cubbon Road, and the numbering of these gates has been changed.

Once the first point of entry is cleared, spectators will undergo frisking and safety checks and pass through a Metal Door Frame Detector, after which they will be directed to a second gate. For instance, a person entering through Gate P will pass another safety gate called P-1. After crossing that, the spectator will be moved to a large holding area, from where they will proceed to the stands.

The committee has also asked the KSCA to print all conditions and changes on the tickets. The same information will be published online.

Remaining works

According to a committee member, in some places where changes were necessary but a final solution was difficult to implement, the panel suggested alternative arrangements. As a result, some mechanical structures have been installed temporarily. However, all of them have passed safety checks.

KSCA presentation

Meanwhile, the KSCA stated that a detailed presentation was made to the committee on all measures taken, while representatives of RCB and their associated operational agencies also presented their preparedness and operational plans .

"The discussions were constructive and positive, and all stakeholders reaffirmed their commitment to ensuring that the matches can be conducted in a safe, well-regulated, and seamless manner," KSCA spokesperson Vinay Mruthyunjaya stated.

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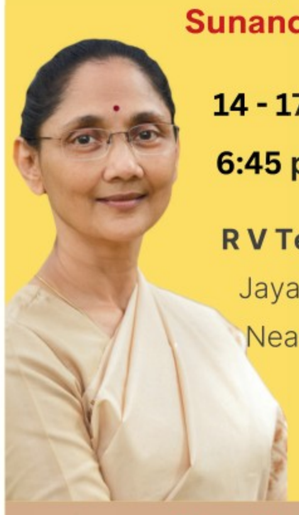

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Ugadi: Celebrating the Kannada New Year

As the first light of dawn touches the skyline of Bangalore on 19 March, there will be a subtle shift in the rhythm of the city. The traffic may not yet have begun its familiar rush, but inside homes across the city, a quiet sense of anticipation fills the air.

It is Ugadi, the Kannada New Year, a festival that marks the beginning of a new cycle of time, hope, and renewal.

Ugadi, also known as Yugadi, is one of the most important festivals celebrated in the southern Indian states of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana. In Bangalore, Ugadi marks the beginning of the Kannada New Year and symbolizes renewal, prosperity, and the arrival of spring.

The festival is celebrated on the first day of the bright half of the lunar month of Chaitra. This day marks the beginning of the new lunar calendar year for many communities in southern India. The word "Ugadi" originates from the Sanskrit terms "Yuga" (age) and "Adi" (beginning), meaning "the beginning of a new era."

For the people of Bangalore and Karnataka, Ugadi is not just a religious festival but also a cultural celebration that represents hope, new beginnings, and optimism for the year ahead.

Historically, Ugadi has also been associated with the agricultural cycle. The festival coincides with the onset of spring, when trees sprout new leaves and crops begin to flourish, symbolizing regeneration and growth. In Karnataka, the festival has been celebrated for centuries as a cultural marker of the Kannada calendar year, bringing communities together to celebrate nature, spirituality, and family bonds.

Bangalore, as the capital of Karnataka, celebrates Ugadi with great enthusiasm. The city reflects a blend of traditional Kannada customs and modern urban celebrations. The festival holds significance not only for Kannadigas but also for Telugu and Marathi communities living in Bangalore. While the rituals may vary slightly, the spirit of welcoming the new year remains the same.

Across the city, homes, temples, markets, and public spaces come alive with festive decorations, traditional foods, and cultural gatherings. Markets in Bangalore see a surge in demand for mango leaves, neem flowers, flowers, and traditional sweets as families prepare for the celebrations. Preparations for Ugadi usually begin several days in advance. Families thoroughly clean and decorate their homes as a symbolic way of welcoming prosperity and positive energy. Fresh mango leaf garlands (toranas) are tied at the entrance of homes to signify good fortune and health. Women create colourful rangoli designs at the entrance of their houses, adding to the festive atmosphere.

In the days leading up to Ugadi, the markets of Bangalore burst into vibrant activity. Flower vendors string garlands of marigold and jasmine,

while fruit sellers stack piles of tender raw mangoes. Shopping for new clothes, jewellery, and festive ingredients is an important part of the celebrations, and markets become vibrant with people buying traditional wear and household decorations. The buzz of bargaining, the bright colours of produce, and the festive energy make the markets feel like a celebration in themselves.

On Ugadi day, families perform prayers at home and visit temples to seek blessings for the new year. Many temples in Bangalore hold special prayers and spiritual discourses on this day. Temples across the city host elaborate celebrations, including devotional programs and cultural events. Devotees gather in large numbers to seek blessings for prosperity and good health in the coming year.

Cultural organizations and Kannada associations also organize music and dance performances, poetry recitations, literary events, and community feasts that celebrate the richness of Kannada culture. Food plays a central role in Ugadi celebrations. A unique feature of Ugadi in Karnataka is the preparation of Bevu-Bella (a mixture of neem flowers and jaggery), which symbolises the different flavours of life. No Ugadi celebration is complete without a festive meal. Kitchens across Bangalore prepare traditional dishes that have been passed down through generations. Some popular dishes prepared in Bangalore households include Bevu Bella, Holige or Obbattu, a sweet flatbread made with jaggery and lentils, Puliyogare (tamarind rice), Mango rice, Kosambari (a lentil salad) and Payasa, a traditional sweet dessert. At the centre of the meal is Holige or Obbattu, a soft sweet flatbread stuffed with jaggery and lentils and generously topped with ghee. Meals are often shared with extended family and neighbours, reinforcing the spirit of togetherness that Ugadi represents.

Ugadi also symbolises renewal and fresh starts. Many people consider the day highly auspicious for starting new businesses, signing agreements, buying property, beginning construction and making major life decisions. The festival encourages individuals to leave behind past hardships and welcome the future with hope and positivity.

Ugadi is more than just a New Year festival. It is a celebration of life, nature, and new beginnings. In Bangalore, the festival beautifully reflects the city's cultural richness, bringing together families, communities, and traditions. From the symbolic taste of Bevu-Bella to the vibrant temple rituals and festive meals, Ugadi embodies the philosophy that life is a mixture of different experiences. By embracing both joy and challenges, people step into the new year with optimism and resilience.

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We are meticulous about what we consume, carefully selecting organic produce and whole foods. Yet, we spend a third of our lives resting on surfaces often composed of synthetic materials and chemicals. If your goal is to detoxify your lifestyle, it's time to look at where you sleep. The **Neev Naturals 7-Zone 100% Natural Latex Mattress** offers a way to extend your wellness commitment beyond your plate.

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Unlike synthetic beds that trap heat, natural latex has an open-cell structure that allows for constant air circulation, keeping you cool. This Bengaluru-based solution doesn't just support your back; it supports the planet, using a sustainable and biodegradable material. Don't just eat organic—invest in your rest and sleep organic.

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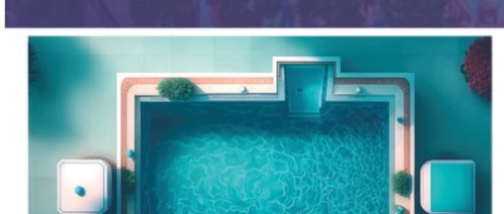
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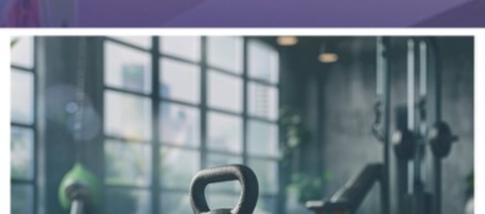
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SBI campaign on safe digital payment

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As part of the Reserve Bank of India's Digital Payment Awareness Week, which continues till March 15, the State Bank of India is participating in a campaign to promote safe and secure digital payment practices and to safeguard users against fraud.

An awareness vehicle was flagged off by Joohi Smita Sinha, Chief General Manager, Bengaluru Circle, on Tuesday at the SBI Local Head Office, Bengaluru.

The vehicle will travel across the city, spreading awareness about digital payments and fraud prevention.

Man held for cheating buyers with fake scheme

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bengaluru police have arrested a man who allegedly cheated several people by offering EV scooters at an incentivised price under a non-existent 'Prime Minister Scheme'.

The accused has been identified as Rakesh, owner of the Appke EV showroom in North Bengaluru. The police suspect that there may be many victims and have launched an investigation into the case.

The action follows a complaint filed by a 38-year-old woman. According to the FIR, the woman was misled by the company, which claimed that an EV scooter would be delivered to her at a cost of ₹25,000, while its original price was ₹70,000.

She further stated that employees of the Appke EV showroom told her that the remaining amount would be covered through a loan arranged by the company. The EMI for the loan, they said, would be paid by the showroom itself under the 'Prime Minister's Scheme'. The complainant made the down payment in November 2025 but did not collect a receipt for the payment.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Notice is hereby given to Public is hereby informed that my client is intending to purchase the below mentioned schedule property from its owner **Mr. Ashok Gopinath S/o K.S. Gopinathan Nair, aged about 43 years, Residing at: No. 74-E, 17th 'A' Cross, 4th Block, 4th Stage, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore-560 079.** Any person having any right, title, interest, claim or demand whatsoever in respect of said property by way of sale, inheritance, bequest, exchange, gift, possession, trust, Mortgage, lease, license, lien, charge, tenancy, lis pendency, development rights, maintenance, easement, or under any agreement of sale or Power of Attorney, option, right of first refusal or pre-emption whatsoever or otherwise howsoever, is hereby required to make the same known in writing with documentary proof thereof, to the undersigned at the address mentioned herein below within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the sale transaction shall be completed without any reference to such right, title, interest, claim or demand & the same shall be deemed to have been waived to all intents & purposes. Claims without documentary proofs and/or objections directly published in Newspaper shall not be considered as Valid.

Schedule Property

All that piece and Parcel of the Residential Property bearing Site No. 509, having BDA Khata PID No. 6000000425 dated 17.03.2022, Measuring East to West 60.00 Feet and North to South 40.00 Feet Totally measuring 2400 Sq.ft situated in the layout known and called as **"KANAKASHREE LAYOUT-II STAGE, formed by the KANAKASHREE HOUSE BUILDING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED,** Bangalore in converted land bearing sy No. 140 of Kannur village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore converted for residential purpose vide official memorandums bearing No. ALN(East)(B)SR25/2008-09 dated 17.10.2008 Layout approved by the **BDA Bangalore vide order dated 30.11.2009 bearing No. BDA/TPM/PL-32/08-09/2915/2009-10, and bounded on the;**

East By : 18.3 Mtrs Wide Road, **West By :** Site Nos. 519 & 520, **North By :** Site No. 510, **South By :** Site No. 508.

Sri. PRAVEEN KUMAR RODDAM
S/o Surendra Babu Roddam
Residing at #A-1002, 10th Floor
Bairavi Cruz Laxury Apartment
Chelekeri Main Road,
Opp: to St. Rocks church,
Kalyan Nagar,Bangalore-560043
Mobile: 95381 00008
SD/-HANUMANTH R., ADVOCATE
Mobile: 9620697201

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Corrigendum 1 to Tender Notice No. CN/02/2026 Dated: 04.03.2026

In the above mentioned tender notice (Tender No. 56251090) Quantity under 2.1 Item details has been enhanced from 338.00 kms to 769.00 kms.

For details log on : www.ireps.gov.in

Dy. Chief Material Manager/Construction/ Bengaluru Cantonment

PUB/997/AAMO/PRB/SWR/2025-26

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DOCUMENTS LOST

I, Somashekar A S/o Late Ananth M R/at No.15, 3rd Cross, Near Maramma Temple, Kempegowda Nagar, Gavipuram Extension, Bengaluru-560019 do hereby solemnly state that, Possession Certificate and Allotment Letter with P.R. No.182/70-71 pertaining to Site No. 237 in Sy. No.1 to 72 given by City Improvement Trust Board, present Bangalore Development Board to Chikkapapaiah have been lost by me. In this regard I have raised a online complaint with Karnataka State Police on 13.03.2026 and have obtained Lost Report No.2107716/2026. I further state that above given details are true to my knowledge vide affidavit dated 13.03.2026 sworn to Notary. If anybody have found these Documents please retrun them to above mentioned address or else please contact Mob:9845019969.

Rail Wheel Plant/Bela
(Distt.: Saran), Bihar-841221

E-Tender No.: RWP-UTL-PNG-2025. Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer/WFPS/Rail Wheel Plant, Bela for and on behalf of the President of India, invites online "e-Open Tender" through Indian Railways E-Procurement Portal (IREPS) **www.ireps.gov.in** for following works : **1. Name of work with its location and completion period :** Complete Erection, Installation & Tesing of overhead PNG pipeline form DRS (IOCL) to NF, DF, sand plant, Tube Stand & Riser cutting station at RWP/Bela as per scope & Schedule of work as per scope & Schedule of work., **2. Approx. cost of the work :** ₹ 1,79,22,275.94/-, **3. Earnest Money to be Deposited :** ₹ 2,39,600/-, **4. Cost of tender document :** Nil, **5. Tender closing date and time :** 02/04/2026, 15.00 hrs., **6.** Website particulars, Notice Board location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc. : E Tender No. RWP-UTL-PNG-2025. For full details and submission of bid kindly visit portal (IREPS) **www.ireps.gov.in**. The prospective firms/bidders submitting bid are advised to remain in touch with IREPS portal (**www.ireps.gov.in**) for updates including Addendum/Corrigendum /Cancellation with respect to the above tender because no such any notice/information concerned that shall be published in newspaper.

Dy.CME/WFPS, RWP, Bela
RWP/CPRO/Advt./2025-26/120

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Notice is hereby given to Public is hereby informed that my client is intending to purchase the below mentioned schedule property from its owners **Mr. MANOJ SURATHKAL and Mr. MEGHANAND SURATHKAL, Residing at: 181, 9th Cross, bank avenue HRBR 1st Block, Banasawadi, Bangalore-560042.**

Any person having any right, title, interest, claim or demand whatsoever in respect of said property by way of sale, inheritance, bequest, exchange, gift, possession, trust, Mortgage, lease, license, lien, charge, tenancy, lis pendency, development rights, maintenance, easement, or under any agreement of sale or Power of Attorney, option, right of first refusal or pre-emption whatsoever or otherwise howsoever, is hereby required to make the same known in writing with documentary proof thereof, to the undersigned at the address mentioned herein below within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the sale transaction shall be completed without any reference to such right, title, interest, claim or demand & the same shall be deemed to have been waived to all intents & purposes. Claims without documentary proofs and/or objections directly published in Newspaper shall not be considered as Valid.

Schedule Property

All that piece and Parcel of the Residential Property bearing **Site No. 7AM/211, having BBMP Khata New PID No. 7024997965, Measuring East to West 24.87 Mtrs and North to South 15.54 Mtrs Totally measuring 386.57 Sq.Mtrs,** situated at Kalyan nagar, Banasawadi, 7th A main, 1st Block, near Om Shakthi Temple Bangalore-560043 a layout formed by the Bangalore Development Authority, and bounded on the;

East By: 7th 'A' Main Road, **West By:** Site No. 7AM-208, **North By:** Site No. 7AM-217, **South By:** Site No. 7AM-209

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University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore

NAAC A' Accredited, Estate Office, Naik Bhavan, GKVK, Bengaluru-560 065.

No. EO/SPO/kppp/22/2025-26 Dated: 11-03-2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through Kpp Portal only)

The University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru has invited Short Term Tender in the prescribed form as per Standard Tender Document KG-1 and KG-2, from the reputed firms for the procurement of Agricultural Equipment's.

The Blank Tender Documents can be downloaded from **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in. (1)** Last date and time for uploading the tender on **20.03.2026 upto 4:00 p.m. (2)** The Technical Bid will be opened on **23.03.2026 at 10:30 a.m. (3)** The Financial Bid will be opened on **25.03.2026 at 10:30 a.m.** in the Tender Committee Room of Estate Office. Further details can be had from the office of the undersigned during working hours and also refer UAS **website: www.usabangalore. edu.in. Help Desk +91-8046010000, +91-8068948777 support@eprochelpdesk.com.** The University reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons.

Sd/-
ESTATE OFFICER

DIPR/CP/RO6240/AAPL/2025-26

SREENIDHI SOUHARDA SAHAKARI BANK NIYAMITHA

 # 113, R. V. Road, V. V. Puram, Bangalore- 560 004
Phone: 26601152/53, 26481152, 26488151, E-mail:sssbn5ark@sreenidhi.bank.in

PUBLIC NOTICE - POSSESSION NOTICE
APPENDIX - IV
(See Rule 8(1)) r/w Sec. 13(4)(a)

HEMAMALINI.N

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **M/s. Sreenidhi Souharda Sahakari Bank Niyamitha,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (Central Act No.54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12), 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **26/09/2025** calling upon the Borrower **Smt. Hemamalini.N,** W/o.Saravana. K.H, Residing at Property No.33/1, H.No.201, 2nd Floor, Venkatappa Street, Chikkamavalli, Bengaluru-560004, demanding to repay the Loan amount of **Rs.54,05,870/- (Rupees Fifty Four Lakhs Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy)** only together with Interest and Costs thereon, being the loan amount due by her, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower has failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property owned by **Smt. Hemamalini. N** mortgaged to the Bank and described in Schedule herein below, together with all rights to transfer by way of Lease, assignment or sale for realising the above mentioned amount (Secured Asset), in exercise of the powers conferred on his under Section 13(4)(a) of the said Act read with Rule-8 of the said Rules on this **13th day of March 2026.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of **M/s. Sreenidhi Souharda Sahakari Bank Niyamitha** for a sum of **Rs.54,11,640/- (Rupees Fifty-Four Lakhs Eleven thousand Six hundred and Forty) only on 13/03/2026** together with interest and costs thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Site No.10, BBMP Khatha No.249/10, Honagasandra Gramatana Khatha No.249, situated at Hongasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Presently comes under BBMP Limits, Measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South (50+52)/2 feet totally in all measuring 1530 Sq.ft, along with building consisting of GF, FF,SF & Terrace floor and bounded on the East By: Site No.11, West by: Site No.9, North by: Private Property, South by: Road.

Date : 14.03.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Sreenidhi Souharda Sahakari Bank Ni.,

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. CEE/Tr(OP)ZM/SEE(O)/AEE-2/25-26/10570 Date: 12.03.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Mode Only)

KPTCL invites bids for the following:

1) Replacement of obsolete 01 No of 66kV Class ABB make breaker of 66kV R.N.Pura line-2(Idle bay) at **220/66/11kV Kushalnagar R/s** in Kushalanagara Taluk, Kodagu District. **CALL-6. Category :** Others.

2) Replacement of existing age old/sluggish BHEL make 15 No's of 11kV, 20kA Switchgears (MCVCB) by 11kV 31.5kA Switchgears (MCVCB) at 66/11kV **Vijayanagar** sub-station, Mysuru District & Taluk. on PTK basis. **CALL-3. Category :** CAT-2A.

3) Replacement of existing age old/sluggish under rated MEI retrofitted Kirloskar/MEI make 16 No's of 11kV 20/25KA Switchgears (MCVCB) by MEI make 11kV 25kA switchgears (MCVCB) at 66/11kV **KHB Colony** sub-station, Mysuru District & Taluk on PTK basis. **CALL-3. Category :** ST.

4) Replacement of 02 No's of 20kA rating 11kV PCVCB MEI make Bank 1 & 2 breaker by 25KA breakers & Augmentation of existing capacitor bank from 2x2.9MVAR to 2x5.8MVAR connected to 2x20MVA power Transformer at 66/11kV **Periyaptana** sub-station, Periyapatana Taluk, Mysuru District. on PTK basis. **Call-2. Category :** Others.

5) Augmentation of 2x8MVA, 66/11KV Power Transformers by 2x20 MVA, 66/11KV Power Transformers at 66/11KV **Haradanahally** sub-station in Saligrama Taluk and Mysuru District on PTK basis. **CALL-3. Category :** Others.

6) Augmentation of 2x8MVA 66/11KV Power Transformers by 2x20MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformers in 66/11kV **Chandravadi** KPTCL sub-station at Nanjanagudu Taluk, Mysuru District on PTK basis. **CALL-3. Category :** SC.

7) Replacement of 2X12.5 MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformers by 2X20MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformers at 66/11kV at **Bettadapura** sub-station Piriyapatna Taluk, Mysuru District on on PTK basis. **CALL-3. Category :** Others.

8) Augmentation of 1 x 12.5 MVA and 1X8 MVA,66/11kV Transformer by 2 x 20 MVA, 66/11 kV Transformers at 66/11 KV at **Hanagodu** sub-station in Hunsuru Taluk, Mysuru District on Partial Turnkey PTK basis**. CALL-3**. **Category :** ST.

9) Augmentation of 1x8MVA & 1x12.5 MVA 66/11kV Transformer by 2 x 20 MVA, 66/11 kV Transformers at 66/11 kV **B G Pura** sub-station in Malavalli Taluk, Mandya District on PTK basis. **CALL-3. Category :** CAT-2A.

10) Augmentation of 2x12.5 MVA Power Transformers by 2x20MVA 66/11kV Power Transformers at 66/11KV sub-station **Dundanahalli**, Maddur (Tq), Mandya District on PTK basis. **CALL-3. Category :** Others.

11) Augmentation of 2 x 8 MVA, 66/11kV Transformers by 2 x 20 MVA, 66/11 kV Transformers at 66/11 KV **K.Honnalagere** sub-station in Maddur Taluk, Mandya District on PTK basis. **CALL-3. Category :** SC.

12) Providing New 66kV 20 MVAr Capacitor Bank at 66/11kV Doora sub-station in Mysuru Taluk and District on TTK basis. **Call-1. Category :** Others.

The tender for the above work is invited through electronic mode. The interested bidders can obtain the application in electronic mode by paying the tender fee. The detailed notification regarding above said enquiry in the E-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: kptcl.karnataka.gov.in with hyper link "e-procurement KPTCL" OR https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 13.03.2026. More details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Elec)., Transmission (Operations) Zone, KPTCL, Prasarana Bhavana, FTS Compound, Mysuru-570007.

Government of Karnataka
CITY CORPORATION, RAICHUR.

Website:-www.raichurcity.gov.in E-mail:ka.raichur.cc@gmail.com
Phone No: 08532-226768 Fax No: 08532-226316

No.CCR/ENG/TS/2025-26 Date: 13-03-2026.

Notification for Invitation of Rates.

Sealed rate quotations are invited from experienced agencies / firms for Designing, modelling, supplying and erecting Dr. B.R Ambedkar statue of 12 feet height weighing approx 1.5 tonnes made of silicon bronze, including clay modelling, digital scanning, 3D modeling / printing mould preparation MS internal framework, bronze casting, finishing, transportation and erection at site complete.

Since Schedule of Rates is not available for this item, this notification is issued only for the purpose of arriving at a reasonable rate and shall not be treated as entrustment of work. Interested and experienced agencies may submit their sealed rate quotation still 20-03-2026 to the undersigned. Email for submission :eecitycorporations@gmail.com Any queries 9686763581 The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the rate quotations without assigning any reason.

DIP/RCR/763/KSMCA/766/2025-26

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Raichur City Corporation.

GOVT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
EX-SERVICEMEN CONTRIBUTORY HEALTH SCHEME
STATION HQ (ECHS CELL) YELAHANKA

Tele No. 080-28478088, e-mail:echsyel@gmail.com

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

1. ECHS invites applications for vacancies to engage following **OIC, Medical, and Para Medical Staff** on contractual basis in ECHS Polyclinics **Yelahanka for a period of one year renewable for additional period of one year/till attaining the maximum age subject to performance & other conditions according to the criteria as mentioned against each post:-**

Appointment with reserve % of ESM	Minimum Qualification	No of vac	Fixed Remuneration
Medical Officer (60%)	MBBS	01	95000/pm
Pharmacist (70%)	B Pharmacy/Approved Diploma in pharmacy or 12th with science stream	01	36500/pm
Female Attendant (70%)	Literate and minimum 05 Yrs experience in civil/Army health Institutions	01	21800/pm

2. For 'Terms & Conditions, Application Form and Remuneration kindly see our website **www.echs.gov.in.** Preference will be given to Ex-servicemen. For additional details please contact Stn HQ (ECHS Cell) Yelahanka Tele No: 080/28478088 and e-mail: **echsyel@gmail.com** also approach concerned ECHS Polyclinic for details.

3. Last date of receipt of application as per format given at our website. Application as per requisite format along with self attested photocopies of testimonials in support of Educational Qualifications and work experience will be submitted to **Office of Station Commander ECHS, C/O Air Force Station, Yelahanka-560063** by **21.03.2026,** any applications received after **21.03.2026** will not be accepted.

4. Date, Timing & Venue: Candidate must reach **Stn HP at 09.00 hrs on 23.03.2026** for the interview to be held **between 10.00 hrs to 13.30 hrs.** Candidate must bring all the original certificate/ mark sheets/ 10th/ Matric. 10+2 & Graduation/ PG/ Diploma/ course, work experience and discharge book, PPO, service records and 02 copies of PP size photographs at the time of interview. No TA/DA is admissible. Only candidate meeting the Qualification Requirements may apply. Candidate must reach Station HQ ECHS Cell, Yelahanka on date and time of interview.

5. Selected OIC, Med Specialists, Med Offrs, Radiologist, Gynecologist and Dental Officer will have to carry out 10 days on job training (OJT) and obtain a certificate from OIC Polyclinic before signing the contract. This duration of OJT will remain unpaid and counted as mandatory before assuming charge as a contractual employee. Selected OIC, Med Specialists, Med Offrs, Radiologist, Gynecologist and Dental Officers are mandated to submit an Annual Property Return (APR) of movable and unmovable assets held with the candidates to Stn HQ ECHS, Yelahanka before tenanting.

अखिल भारतीय आयुर्विज्ञान संस्थान, गुवाहाटी
ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, GUWAHATI

(A statutory body under the aegis of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GoI)
Changsari, Kamrup, Assam-781101, Website: www.aiimsguwahati.ac.in

File No. 2-378/2023-24/AIIMS/GHY/Esst/Deputation/Pt-1/4171 Date: 28.02.2026

VACANCY NOTICE FOR PROJECT CELL AND NON-FACULTY POSTS ON DEPUTATION BASIS

AIIMS Guwahati invites application in the pre-scribed proforma for the following posts on deputation basis.

Sl. No.	Name of the post	Group	Pay Level / Scale	No. of Posts
1.	Medical Superintendent	A	Level 14 as per the 7th CPC (Rs 144200-218200) + NPA	1
2.	Superintending Engineer	A	Level 13 as per the 7th CPC (Rs 123100-215900)	1
3.	Registrar	A	Level 12 as per the 7th CPC (Rs 78800-209200)	1
4.	Nursing Superintendent	A	Level 11 as per the 7th CPC (Rs 67700-208700)	2
5.	Assistant Administrative Officer	B	Level 7 as per the 7th CPC (Rs 44900-142400)	1
6.	Assistant Accounts Officer	B	Level 7 as per the 7th CPC (Rs 44900-142400)	2
7.	Assistant Store Officer	B	Level 7 as per the 7th CPC (Rs 44900-142400)	1
8.	Librarian Grade-I	B	Level 7 as per the 7th CPC (Rs 44900-142400)	1
9.	Private Secretary	B	Level 7 as per the 7th CPC (Rs 44900-142400)	1
10.	Personal Assistant	B	Level 6 as per the 7th CPC (Rs 35400-112400)	1
11.	PA to Principal (S)	B	Level 6 as per the 7th CPC (Rs 35400-112400)	1
12.	Pharmacist Grade-I	B	Level 6 as per the 7th CPC (Rs 35400-112400)	2
13.	Sanitation Officer	B	Level 6 as per the 7th CPC (Rs 35400-112400)	1
14.	Upper Division Clerk	C	Level 4 as per the 7th CPC (Rs 25500-81100)	4
			Total	**20**

For details of recruitment i.e. application form, eligibility criteria, desirable qualifications/ experience, corrigendum/addendum and etc., will be uploaded only on the official website **www.aiimsguwahati.ac.in** &. Candidates are advised to check website regularly for updates. Applications completed in all respect along with CRs, Vigilance clearance, Integrity Certificate etc. should be sent through proper channel to Asst. Administrative Officer, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Guwahati, Changsari, Kamrup, Assam -781101. The last date for submission of application through proper channel for posts on deputation basis and online application for Accounts Officers on Direct Recruitment basis will be 30 days from the date of publication of advertisement in Employment News.

Sd/-
Executive Director,
AIIMS, Guwahati

Andhra Pradesh Medical Services & Infrastructure Development Corporation

APMSIDC, Plot No.9, Survey No.49, IT Park, Mangalagiri, Guntur District - 522 503

Drugs Wing - Tender No:184/APMSIDC/ Medicine Wing/2025-26, Tender is invited through e-procurement platform (online) for **T184:** Digital Invasive Haemoglobinometers, HB strips and Consumables. For complete details, please visit Website: **https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in**

APMSIDC will reserve the right to cancel the tender at any time without assigning any reasons.

DIPR 4908PP/CL, Dt: 13-03-2026 **Sd/- for Managing Director**

ನಗರಸಭಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಚಿಂತಾಮಣಿ
ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ

ಕಛೇರಿ ವಿಳಾಸ: ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ರಸ್ತೆ, ವಾರ್ಡ್ 10, ಎನ್ ಆರ್ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ಚಿಂತಾಮಣಿ–563 125, ದೂರವಾಣಿ: 08154–252056/ ಸಹಾಯವಾಣಿ: 08154–252117, ಇ–ಮೇಲ್:itstaff_ulb_chintamanicity@yahoo.in, cmc.chintamani@gmail.com, ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್:www.chintamanicity.gov.in

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ನಸಚಿ/ತಾಂಶಾ/ಸಿ.ಆರ್/258/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09.03.2026

ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಕೆಜಿ, ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ನಸಚಿ/ತಾಶಾ/ಸಿಆರ್/258/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09.03.2026

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು ನಗರಸಭೆ ಚಿಂತಾಮಣಿ ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಇವರು ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಕೆಟಿಪಿಪಿ 2000 ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿಸಿರುವ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: **(1) DMA/2025-26/RD/wark Indent 56178** ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಲು ಷರತ್ತುಗಳಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು. ಸೂಚನೆಗಳು ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 25.03.2026 ರಂದು ಸಮಯ ಸಂಜೆ 17:30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27.03.2026 ರಂದು ಸಮಯ ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆ 11:00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.**

ಸಹಿ/– ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು, ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಚಿಂತಾಮಣಿ

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ/ಆರ್.ಓ.ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:483/ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿಎ/2025–26

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No. RGUHSB/PROC/GEN/152/2025 (118631) Date: 13/03/2026

E- TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Registrar, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences invites tender for Printing and supply of OMR Answer Booklets containing 56 pages with QR Code/Barcode to RGUHS. More details on the Service are provided in the attached Terms of Reference.

Tender No. RGUHSK/2025-26/IND0021/Call-2

1	Tender document available for downloaded	13/03/2026, 12:36 Hrs
2	Pre Bid Meeting	24/03/2026, 11:30 Hrs
3	Last date for receipt of tender	30/03/2026, 11:30 Hrs
4	Last date for sample submission	01/04/2026, 11:30 Hrs
5	Opening of Technical Bid	02/04/2026, 11:30 Hrs
6	Place of Opening of Tender	Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Bengaluru

More details can be fetched from website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

DIPR/CP/6236/AKAR/2025-26 **Sd/- Registrar**

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
KARNATAKA FOREST DEPARTMENT
Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests,

Bangalore Urban Division, Jarakabande Forest Campus, Kammagondanahalli, Jalahalli, Bangalore 560015 Ph: 080 23343464, Email:dcfurban82@yahoo.co.in

No:A9/treecutting/CR-142,169(20-21)& 166/2021-22 **Dated: 12.03.2026**

BRIEF SALE NOTIFICATION

It is hereby notified for the general information of the public that the following kind and quantity of timber forest produce stocked and lotted in the Tenke Depot, Jarakbande Sandal Godown and Tenke Depot, Kadugodi Nursery, Bangalore Urban Division, Bangalore as mentioned below will be sold by e-tender-cum-auction mode through MSTC Ltd., on the online platform "www.mstcecommerce.com". The sale conducting authority is Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bengaluru (Urban) Division Bengaluru. The e-tender-cum auction is subject to terms and conditions uploaded on the website www.mstcecommerce.com

Date of e-tender-cum-auction	**27th March 2026**
Mode	Online-www.mstcecommerce.com
Time	Session I st 10:00 to 10:45 hrs Session IInd 12:00 to 12:45 hrs
Quantity of Material:	

Name of the Depot	Date of e-tender	Kind	No. of Lots.
Tenke Depot, Jarakabande Sandal Godown	27.03.2026	Other Species-Timber	69
		Other Species-Poles	12
		Other Species-Firewood	05
		Acacia	01
Tenke Depot, Kadugodi Nursery,		Other Species-Timber	32

Approximate value	**Approximately Above Rs.2.00 Lakhs**
Inspection of logs by the bidders	**23.03.2026 To 26.03.2026 between 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM at** **1.**Tenke Depot, Jarakabande Sandal Godown, Kammagondanahalli, Bengaluru., **2.** Tenke Depot, Kadugodi Nursery, Sy no 1 of Kadugodi, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru east Taluk, Bengalore

Conditions: 1. Interested bidders should get themselves Registered with MSTC well in advance. **2.** Intended bidders are advised to inspect the material to their satisfaction. **3.** The Quantity notified adjacent to each class kept for sale is approximate. **4.** Every Registered bidders shall pay an Earnest money deposit (EMD) of Rs.20,000/- for all lots/or any lot. **5.** The black listed bidders, defaulters, Minors, insolvent persons will not be permitted to participate in the sale. **6.** Detailed Sale Conditions to be downloaded from **www.mstcecommerce.com.**

Sd/-
Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Bangalore Urban Division, Bangalore.

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Bill for levy and collection of fee on ads tabled

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Municipalities and Certain Other Law (Amendment) Bill, 2026, was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on Friday to make provisions for advertisements on a par with the provisions of the Greater Bengaluru Governance Act, 2024, for levying and collection of fees on advertisements, regulation of unauthorised advertisements, and validation of fees and penalties in municipalities and municipal corporations. Minister for Urban Development Byrathi Suresh tabled the Bill in the House, and it would be taken up for discussion next week.

DIRECTORATE OF MINORITIES

Maulana Azad Bhavan, No.16C, Miller Tank Bed Road, Vasantnagar, Bengaluru - 560 052.

No.: DOM/EW/COE_NEET/KCET/CR-01/2025-26 Date: 13-03-2026

Announcement of Tender

Tender has been invited by the Directorate of Minorities "For the academic year **2026-27**, in the **Pre-University Colleges functioning under the Directorate of Minorities, in order to provide NEET/KCET coaching and other training programs.** Interested & eligible bidders/institutes can apply through e-Procurement portal. The schedule of tender will be as follows.

Sl. No.	No. of Details	Date/Time
1.	Date of Tender Publication	**13.03.2026**
2.	Tender Amount:	**Rs. 900.00 Lakhs.**
3.	EMD Amount:	**Rs.13,50,000/-**
4.	Pre-bid meeting:	**02.04.2026 at 11:30 a.m.**
5.	Last date and time for submission of tender:	**28.04.2026 by 5:30 p.m.**
6.	Date and time of Technical bid opening:	**12.05.2026 at 11:30 a.m.**
7.	Date and time of Financial bid opening:	**18.05.2026 at 11:30 a.m. (Tentative)**
8.	Place of tender opening and contact address:	Maulana Azad Bhawan, No.16C, Miller tank Bed Road, Vasanthnagar, Bengaluru - 560052.
9.	Telephone No. to be contacted	**080-22535902 080-22535912**

Other details can be obtained from the website of the Directorate of Minorities **https://dom.karnataka.gov.in** and e-Procurement website at **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Director
Directorate of Minorities, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/6222/MAA/2025-26

GULBARGA ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Corporate Office, GESCOM, Kalaburagi, Pin Code.585 102.
CIN: U04010KA2002SGC030436 E-mail: seeprojectsgescom@gmail.com

No.GESCOM/CEE(O)/SEE(Proj)/EEE(Proj)/AEE/AE-2/2025-26/94322-33 Date: 13-03-2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

Gulbarga Electricity Supply Company Limited, Kalaburagi invites tender for the work of "Establishing 2x5MVA, 33/11kV Sub-Station at **Ujalamba Village** in Basavakalyan Taluk, Bidar District and Construction of **15Km** of 33KV S/C line from 110/33/11kV Manthal MUSS to proposed 33/11kV Ujalamba Sub-Station along with Construction of **10Km 11kV Link Lines on Total Turnkey Basis"** including supply of all equipment's/materials, erection (Including Civil Works), testing and commissioning under competitive bidding from eligible bidders through **Karnataka Public Procurement Portal.**

The project cost (excluding GST) & the bid documents will be available in **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **20.03.2026,** the prospective bidders can obtain further details from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Chief Engineer Electy., (Operations),
Corporate Office, GESCOM, Kalaburagi.

DIPR/Kalaburagi/1175/KSMC&A/2025-26

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
KARNATAKA GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT
Revenue Department, M. S. Building, Bengaluru

NO: E-RD 11 GRC 2026 Date: 31.01.2026

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, upon report of the Investigation agency Criminal Investigation Department (CID), Bengaluru, after due investigation of the complaint of depositors, it has come to the notice of the Government by Special Officer and Competent Authority IMA, that Janasneha Real Wealth Solutions Pvt. Ltd., is involved in fraudulent transactions by clandestinely and illegally collecting deposits or money from the general public and thereafter have failed to return the same either after maturity or on demand made by the depositors or complainants with promised interest and other assured benefits and hereby failed to render the services promised to them.

And whereas, it has further come to the notice of the Government that Janasneha Real Wealth Solutions Pvt. Ltd., and people associating with them have been acquiring lands, movable and immovable properties, cash and others from and out of the deposits or money so collected, from the depositors or complainants and thereby deviating from the intended purposes of accepting the deposits or money.

And whereas, the Government has reason to believe that the actions of Janasneha Real Wealth Solutions Pvt. Ltd., and people associating with them are acting in and detrimental to the interest of the depositors or complainants whose intention was to defraud the innocent depositors, and it has become necessary to protect the interest of the depositors of Janasneha Real Wealth Solutions Pvt. Ltd.,

And whereas, now the Government after considering the report of the Special Officer and Competent Authority IMA and other KPID Cases and satisfying itself about the urgent need to protect the interest of the depositors and in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of Section (3) of the Karnataka Protection of interest of Depositors in Financial Establishment Act, 2004 (Karnataka Act 30 of 2005) hereby makes the following order, namely:

"ORDER"

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of Section (3) of the Karnataka Protection of interest of Depositors in Financial Establishment Act, 2004 (Karnataka Act 30 of 2005), the Government under the circumstances stated above having satisfied that in order to protect the interest of depositors it is necessary to attach the movable and immovable properties believed to belong to Janasneha Real Wealth Solutions Pvt. Ltd.,

Therefore, the Government hereby attaches the immovable properties as specified in the Annexure 1 to this order believed to have been acquired by the Janasneha Real Wealth Solutions Pvt. Ltd., either in its own name or in the name of any other person from and out of the deposits collected by the Janasneha Real Wealth Solutions Pvt. Ltd., and where it transpires that such money or such other properties of the said financial establishment, or the personal assets of the promoters, partners, directors, managers or members or any other person of the said financial establishment is not sufficient for the repayment of the deposits or interest or such other assured benefits to the depositors.

Note: All the aforesaid immovable properties from the date of publication of this order in the Official Gazette, shall forth with vest with the Competent Authority, who has been appointed by the Government, pending further orders from the Special Court.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Karnataka
Sd/-
(Anwar Basha)
Deputy Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department (Services-1, SSLR & Special Cell)

Annexure-1

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ.	ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ವಿವರ (ಚಕ್ಕುಬಂದಿ ಒಳಗೊಂಡಂತೆ)	ದಾಖಲೆಗಳ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಮಾಲಿಕರು	ದಾಖಲಾತಿ ವಿವರ	ಪ್ರಸ್ತುತ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ದರ (ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ಖರೀದಿ ದರ (ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ಪರಾ
1	ಕೊಪ್ಪಳ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಕೊಪ್ಪಳ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಓಜನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಡುವ ಓಜನ ಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಸ.ನಂ 122/3 ರಲ್ಲಿ ನಗರ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ವಸತಿ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ನಕ್ಷೆ ಅನುಮೋದನೆ ಗೊಂಡ ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ನಗ್ರಾಯೋಸನಿಕೊ/ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ / ವಸತಿ ವಿನ್ಯಾಸ/ 42/2013–14 ದಿ:08/03/2014 ರಂತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಿರುವ ವಸತಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿನ (ನಗರ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿನ) ಫ್ಲಾಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 41. ಓಜನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮಪಂಚಾಯಿತ್ತಿಯ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಪಿ.ಐ.ಡಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 15200020130042019 9. **ಅಳತೆ:** ಪೂರ್ವ– ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ: 12 ಮೀಟರ್ ಉತ್ತರ–ದಕ್ಷಿಣ: 9 ಮೀಟರ್ ಒಟ್ಟು ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ: 108 ಚ.ಮೀಟರ್ **ಚೆಕ್ಕುಬಂಧಿ:** ಪೂರ್ವಕ್ಕೆ: 09 ಮೀಟರ್‌ರಸ್ತೆ . ಪಶ್ಚಿಮಕ್ಕೆ: ಫ್ಲಾಟ್‌ನಂ. 34. ಉತ್ತರಕ್ಕೆ: ಫ್ಲಾಟ್‌ನಂ. 42. ದಕ್ಷಿಣಕ್ಕೆ: ಫ್ಲಾಟ್‌ನಂ. 40.	ಶ್ರೀ ಹನುಮಂತಪ್ಪ ಎಸ್ ಲಿಂಗದಳ್ಳಿ	KOL-1-03629-2024-25 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 28/06/2024 ಕೊಪ್ಪಳ ಉಪ ನೋಂದಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಣಿಯಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.	ಮೌಲ್ಯಮಾಪನ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಧಿಕೃತ ಮೌಲ್ಯ ಮಾಪಕರಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯ ಲಾಗುವುದು.	2,70,000–00	ಶ್ರೀ ಹನುಮಂತಪ್ಪ ಎಸ್‌ಲಿಂಗದಳ್ಳಿ ರವರು ಮೆ. ಜನಸ್ನೇಹ ರಿಯಲ್ ವೆಲ್ತ್ ಸಲ್ಯೂಷನ್ಸ್ ಪ್ರೈವೇಟ್ ಲಿ ದೂಷಿತ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕ ರಾಗಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04.01.2013 ರಿಂದ 27.04.2017 ರವರೆಗೆ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ಚಲಾಯಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ದಿ: 01–02–2013 ರಿಂದ 01–02–2014 ರ ಅವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ M/s Janasneha Real Wealth Solutions Pvt Ltd., ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯು SBI ಹೊಸಪೇಟೆ Main branch ನ'ಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಖಾತೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 32457900753 ರಿಂದ ರೂ: 13,40,000/– ಗಳು ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಹಣ ವರ್ಗಾವಣೆವಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ತನಿಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿದು ಬಂದಿರುತ್ತದೆ.
2	ಕೊಪ್ಪಳ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಕೊಪ್ಪಳ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಇರ್ಕಲ್ ಗಡ ಗ್ರಾಮ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಡುವ ಇರ್ಕಲ್ ಗಡ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಸ.ನಂ 202/6, 204/2 ಮತ್ತು 204/3 ರಲ್ಲಿ ನಗರ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ವಸತಿ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ನಕ್ಷೆ ಅನುಮೋದನೆಗೊಂಡ ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ನಗ್ರಾಯೋಸನಿಕೊ / ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ /ವಸತಿ ವಿನ್ಯಾಸ/ 1231/2021–22 ದಿ:20/01/2022 ರಂತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಿರುವ ವಸತಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿನ (ನಗರ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿನ) ಫ್ಲಾಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 48. ಇರ್ಕಲ್‌ಗಡ ಗ್ರಾಮ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತ್ತಿಯ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಪಿ.ಐ.ಡಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 15200020200052117 2. **ಅಳತೆ:** ಪೂರ್ವ– ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ: 19.00 ಮೀಟರ್ ಉತ್ತರ–ದಕ್ಷಿಣ: 9.10 ಮೀಟರ್ ಒಟ್ಟು ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ: 172.90 ಚ.ಮೀಟರ್ **ಚೆಕ್ಕುಬಂಧಿ:** ಪೂರ್ವಕ್ಕೆ: ರಸ್ತೆ . ಪಶ್ಚಿಮಕ್ಕೆ: ಜಮೀನು. ಉತ್ತರಕ್ಕೆ: ಫ್ಲಾಟ್‌ನಂ. 49. ದಕ್ಷಿಣಕ್ಕೆ: ಫ್ಲಾಟ್‌ನಂ. 47.	ಶ್ರೀ ಹನುಮಂತಪ್ಪ ಎಸ್ ಲಿಂಗದಳ್ಳಿ	KOL-1-00067-2023-24 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 05/04/2023 ಕೊಪ್ಪಳ ಉಪ ನೋಂದಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಣಿಯಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.	ಮೌಲ್ಯಮಾಪನ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಧಿಕೃತ ಮೌಲ್ಯ ಮಾಪಕರಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯ ಲಾಗುವುದು.	2,43,000–00	ಶ್ರೀ ಹನುಮಂತಪ್ಪ ಎಸ್‌ಲಿಂಗದಳ್ಳಿ ರವರು ಮೆ. ಜನಸ್ನೇಹ ರಿಯಲ್ ವೆಲ್ತ್ ಸಲ್ಯೂಷನ್ಸ್ ಪ್ರೈವೇಟ್ ಲಿ ದೂಷಿತ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕ ರಾಗಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04.01.2013 ರಿಂದ 27.04.2017 ರವರೆಗೆ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ಚಲಾಯಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ದಿ: 01–02–2013 ರಿಂದ 01–02–2014 ರ ಅವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ M/s Janasneha Real Wealth Solutions Pvt Ltd., ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯು SBI ಹೊಸಪೇಟೆ Main branch ನ'ಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಖಾತೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 32457900753 ರಿಂದ ರೂ: 13,40,000/– ಗಳು ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಹಣ ವರ್ಗಾವಣೆವಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ತನಿಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿದು ಬಂದಿರುತ್ತದೆ.
3	ಕೊಪ್ಪಳ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಕೊಪ್ಪಳ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಇರ್ಕಲ್ ಗಡ ಗ್ರಾಮ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಡುವ ಇರ್ಕಲ್ ಗಡ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಸ.ನಂ 202/6, 204/2 ಮತ್ತು 204/3 ರಲ್ಲಿ ನಗರ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ವಸತಿ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ನಕ್ಷೆ ಅನುಮೋದನೆಗೊಂಡ ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ನಗ್ರಾಯೋಸನಿಕೊ / ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ /ವಸತಿ ವಿನ್ಯಾಸ/ 1231/2021–22 ದಿ:20/01/2022 ರಂತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಿರುವ ವಸತಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿನ (ನಗರ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿನ) ಫ್ಲಾಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 30. ಇರ್ಕಲ್ ಗಡ ಗ್ರಾಮ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತ್ತಿಯ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಪಿ.ಐ.ಡಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 15200020200052113 7. **ಅಳತೆ:** ಪೂರ್ವ– ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ: 12.00 ಮೀಟರ್ ಉತ್ತರ–ದಕ್ಷಿಣ: 11.00 ಮೀಟರ್ ಒಟ್ಟು ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ: 132.00 ಚ.ಮೀಟರ್ **ಚೆಕ್ಕುಬಂಧಿ:** ಪೂರ್ವಕ್ಕೆ: ರಸ್ತೆ . ಪಶ್ಚಿಮಕ್ಕೆ: ಫ್ಲಾಟ್‌ನಂ. 31. ಉತ್ತರಕ್ಕೆ: ಫ್ಲಾಟ್‌ನಂ. 29. ದಕ್ಷಿಣಕ್ಕೆ: ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 202 ಮತ್ತು 204.	ಶ್ರೀ ಹನುಮಂತಪ್ಪ ಎಸ್ ಲಿಂಗದಳ್ಳಿ	KOL-1-08683-2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 14/11/2022 ಕೊಪ್ಪಳ ಉಪ ನೋಂದಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಣಿಯಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.	ಮೌಲ್ಯಮಾಪನ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಧಿಕೃತ ಮೌಲ್ಯ ಮಾಪಕರಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯ ಲಾಗುವುದು.	1,85,000–00	ಶ್ರೀ ಹನುಮಂತಪ್ಪ ಎಸ್‌ಲಿಂಗದಳ್ಳಿ ರವರು ಮೆ. ಜನಸ್ನೇಹ ರಿಯಲ್ ವೆಲ್ತ್ ಸಲ್ಯೂಷನ್ಸ್ ಪ್ರೈವೇಟ್ ಲಿ ದೂಷಿತ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕ ರಾಗಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04.01.2013 ರಿಂದ 27.04.2017 ರವರೆಗೆ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ಚಲಾಯಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ದಿ: 01–02–2013 ರಿಂದ 01–02–2014 ರ ಅವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ M/s Janasneha Real Wealth Solutions Pvt Ltd., ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯು SBI ಹೊಸಪೇಟೆ Main branch ನ'ಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಖಾತೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 32457900753 ರಿಂದ ರೂ: 13,40,000/– ಗಳು ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಹಣ ವರ್ಗಾವಣೆವಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ತನಿಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿದು ಬಂದಿರುತ್ತದೆ.
4	ಕೊಪ್ಪಳ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಕೊಪ್ಪಳ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಇರ್ಕಲ್ ಗಡ ಗ್ರಾಮ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಡುವ ಯಲಮಗೇರಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಸ.ನಂ 157/1 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಕೊಪ್ಪಳ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ರವರ ಆದೇಶ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಕಂ/ನಂ/6365/ ಕಂದಾಯ/ಬಿನ್‌ಬಿನ್‌ಶೇಕ್ರಿ/87/2012/6462, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 23–08–2012 ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಭೂಪರಿವರ್ತಿತ ಜಮೀನು ನಗರ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ವಸತಿ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ನಕ್ಷೆ ಅನುಮೋದನೆಗೊಂಡ 1 ದಿ: 20/09/2012 ರಂತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಿರುವ ವಸತಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿನ (ನಗರ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿನ) ಫ್ಲಾಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 18 ಇರ್ಕಲ್ ಗಡ ಗ್ರಾಮ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತ್ತಿಯ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಪಿ.ಐ.ಡಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 15200020200082012 3. **ಅಳತೆ:** ಪೂರ್ವ– ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ: 12.192 ಮೀಟರ್ ಉತ್ತರ–ದಕ್ಷಿಣ: 9.144 ಮೀಟರ್ ಒಟ್ಟು ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ: 111.48 ಚ.ಮೀಟರ್ **ಚೆಕ್ಕುಬಂಧಿ:** ಪೂರ್ವಕ್ಕೆ: 25ಅಡಿ ರಸ್ತೆ . ಪಶ್ಚಿಮಕ್ಕೆ: ಫ್ಲಾಟ್‌ನಂ. 35. ಉತ್ತರಕ್ಕೆ: 10 ಅಡಿ ರಸ್ತೆ . ದಕ್ಷಿಣಕ್ಕೆ: ಫ್ಲಾಟ್‌ನಂ. 19.	ಶ್ರೀ ಹನುಮಂತಪ್ಪ ಎಸ್ ಲಿಂಗದಳ್ಳಿ	KOL-1-05906-2024-25 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19/08/2024 ಕೊಪ್ಪಳ ಉಪ ನೋಂದಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಣಿಯಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.	ಮೌಲ್ಯಮಾಪನ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಧಿಕೃತ ಮೌಲ್ಯ ಮಾಪಕರಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯ ಲಾಗುವುದು.	2,00,000–00	ಶ್ರೀ ಹನುಮಂತಪ್ಪ ಎಸ್‌ಲಿಂಗದಳ್ಳಿ ರವರು ಮೆ. ಜನಸ್ನೇಹ ರಿಯಲ್ ವೆಲ್ತ್ ಸಲ್ಯೂಷನ್ಸ್ ಪ್ರೈವೇಟ್ ಲಿ ದೂಷಿತ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕ ರಾಗಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04.01.2013 ರಿಂದ 27.04.2017 ರವರೆಗೆ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ಚಲಾಯಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ದಿ: 01–02–2013 ರಿಂದ 01–02–2014 ರ ಅವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ M/s Janasneha Real Wealth Solutions Pvt Ltd., ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯು SBI ಹೊಸಪೇಟೆ Main branch ನ'ಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಖಾತೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 32457900753 ರಿಂದ ರೂ: 13,40,000/– ಗಳು ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಹಣ ವರ್ಗಾವಣೆವಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ತನಿಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿದು ಬಂದಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

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ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರು: (ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ: ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ವರ್ಗ): (1)ಹೊನ್ನಾವರ ತಾಲೂಕಿನ ಸಾಲಕೋಡ ಪಂಚಾಯತ ಬಸ್ತಿಹೊಂಡಕ್ಕೆ ಹೋಗುವ ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಾಲಕೋಡ ಪಂ.ದ ಹೈಗಾರಮಕ್ಕಿ ಹೋಗುವ ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ. **RDPR/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT25472,** ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. **25.00** ಲಕ್ಷ, ಮುಂಗಡ ಠೇವಣಿ: ರೂ. **50,000.00,** ಕಾಲಮಿತಿ (ಮಳೆಗಾಲ ಸಹಿತ): **02** ತಿಂಗಳು

(2) ಹೊನ್ನಾವರ ತಾಲೂಕಿನ ಹೊಸಾಕುಳಿ ಗುಡ್ಡೇಬಾಳಸುಬ್ಬ ಹೆಗಡೆ ಮನೆ ಹತ್ತಿರ ರಸ್ತೆಗೆ ತಡೆಗೋಡೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಹಾಗೂ ಹೊನ್ನಾವರ ತಾಲೂಕಿನ ಸಾಲಕೋಡ ಪಂ.ದ ಸಾಣಿಮಕ್ಕಿ ರಸ್ತೆ ಸುಧಾರಣೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಾಲಕೋಡ ಪಂ.ದ ತೋಳಸಾಣಿ ಆದಿಶಕ್ತಿ ದುರ್ಗಾಪರಮೇಶ್ವರಿ ಹೋಗುವ ರಸ್ತೆ ದುರಸ್ತಿ. **RDPR/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT25496,** ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. **25.00** ಲಕ್ಷ, ಮುಂಗಡ ಠೇವಣಿ: ರೂ. **50,000.00,** ಕಾಲಮಿತಿ (ಮಳೆಗಾಲ ಸಹಿತ): **02** ತಿಂಗಳು

(3) ಭಟ್ಕಳ ತಾಲೂಕಿನ ಹೆಬಳೆ ಗ್ರಾಮ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ಗಾಂಧಿನಗರ ಅಣ್ಣಪ್ಪ ಅಂಗಡಿಯಿಂದ ನರಸಿಂಹ ಮೊಗೇರ ಮನೆವರೆಗೆ ಕಾಂಕ್ರೀಟ್ ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ. **RDPR/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT25268,** ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. **20.00** ಲಕ್ಷ, ಮುಂಗಡ ಠೇವಣಿ: ರೂ. **50,000.00,** ಕಾಲಮಿತಿ (ಮಳೆಗಾಲ ಸಹಿತ): **02** ತಿಂಗಳು

(4) ಭಟ್ಕಳ ತಾಲೂಕಿನ ಹಾಡವಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಪಂ ಅರವಕ್ಕಿ ಮೇಲಿನಕೇರಿ ಹತ್ತಿರ ಹಳ್ಳಕ್ಕೆ ಕಿರು ಸೇತುವೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಕಾಂಕ್ರೀಟ್ ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ. **RDPR/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT25272,** ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. **20.00** ಲಕ್ಷ, ಮುಂಗಡ ಠೇವಣಿ: ರೂ. **50,000.00,** ಕಾಲಮಿತಿ (ಮಳೆಗಾಲ ಸಹಿತ): **02** ತಿಂಗಳು

(5) ಭಟ್ಕಳ ತಾಲೂಕಿನ ಕೊಪ್ಪ ಗ್ರಾಮ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ಹೆಗ್ಗದ್ದೆ ಮುಖ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆಯಿಂದ ಹಕ್ಕಲಗದ್ದೆ ಗೊಂಡರಕೇರಿಯ ವರೆಗೆ ಕಾಂಕ್ರೀಟ್ ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ. **RDPR/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT25263,** ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. **20.00** ಲಕ್ಷ, ಮುಂಗಡ ಠೇವಣಿ: ರೂ. **50,000.00,** ಕಾಲಮಿತಿ (ಮಳೆಗಾಲ ಸಹಿತ): **02** ತಿಂಗಳು

(ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ: ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ 2ಎ) (6) ಭಟ್ಕಳ ತಾಲೂಕಿನ ಕೋಣಾರ ಗ್ರಾಪಂ ಹದ್ದೂರು ಅಸಕಾನ ಅಣ್ಣಪ್ಪ ಸಣ್ಣು ಗೊಂಡರ ಮನೆಯಿಂದ ಬರಗದ್ದೆ ನಾಯ್ಕ ಮನೆಯವರೆಗೆ ಕಾಂಕ್ರೀಟ್ ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ. **RDPR/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT25270,** ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. **20.00** ಲಕ್ಷ, ಮುಂಗಡ ಠೇವಣಿ: ರೂ. **25,000.00,** ಕಾಲಮಿತಿ (ಮಳೆಗಾಲ ಸಹಿತ): **02** ತಿಂಗಳು

(7) ಹೊನ್ನಾವರ ತಾಲೂಕಿನ ಚಂದಾವರ ಪಂಚಾಯತದ ಹೊದ್ಕೆ ಶಿರೂರು ಕೆರೆ ಮೂಲೆ ಬ್ರಿಡ್ಜಗೆ ಹೋಗುವ ಸಂಪರ್ಕ ರಸ್ತೆ ದುರಸ್ತಿ

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I, GOPIKA Deepak Kini W/o Deepak Suresh Kini, R/at Flat G 11 Tower 3 Mana Tropicale Muneshwara Layout Near Ahad Excellencia Apartment Bengaluru- 560035, have changed my name from Gopika Kini to Gopika Deepak Kini vide affidavit dated 13-03-2026 sworn before Notary K.V. Mani, Bengaluru.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MAHI MOHIT SRIVASTAVA alias Savita Rajendraprasad Chaurasia D/o Rajendraprasad Chaurasia W/o Mohit Verma R/o No–6014 Prestige Shantiniketan Whitefield Main Road Mahadevapura Bangalore Karnataka – 560048 have changed my name to SAVITA RAJENDRAPRASAD CHAURASIA.

TENDERS

CHENNAI PORT AUTHORITY
Civil Engineering Department
No.1, Rajaji Salai, Chennai - 600001.

Invitation of Expression of Interest (EOI)
No.MP3/22/2025/E

Chennai Port Authority (ChPA) invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from interested and eligible Applicants for "Equip, Operate and Transfer of Existing BD-I Berth at Chennai Port on PPP model"

EOI Schedule

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Karthick Chandrasekaran, B.A., B.L.,
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Chief Mechanical Engineer

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COURT NOTICEFROM the Court of – Principal Judge, Family Court, Begusarai.Case No. – Divorce Case No. – 145 / 2025.Nivedita Kumari W/o Sudarshan Kumar D/o Hemant Kumar Singh, Resident ofSarvoday Nagar, Ward No. – 40, West of Maan Gayatri Temple, PO –Mirjapurbandwar, PS, SR, SD & Dist – Begusarai. Pin – 851129.... Applicant.VersusSudarshan Kumar S/o Dinkar Kumar Dev, Resident of Kaster Town B, 06 Fari No. – 03, Ward no. 34, PO, PS & District –Deoghar, (Jharkhand) Pin – 814112. At Present :– B1 – 1102, Alpine Eco Apartments,Alpine Echo Road, Kartik Nagar, Chinnapanhalli Doddankkundi, Bangluru, PO –Doddankkundi, PS – Mahadevpur, District – Bangluru. Pin – 560037.–––– Opposite Party.Defendant/ Opposite PartyWhereas the Plaintiff/Applicant has filed a case in our Court against you bearing CaseNo. – 145/ 2025 regarding which a summon from this court has previously been sent to you through registered post for your appearance in the court on the specified date. However, you failed to be appear before the court on the said date. Therefore, through this notice gazette you are hereby warned to be appear before thisCourt on the scheduled date i.e. 15/04/2026 at 10:30 AM, either in person or through asadvocate and you may submit your objections what you may have. Failing which, the court will proceed Ex–parte and accordingly appropriate order/judgment will be passed in your absence.Be warned.Issued today on 10/02/2026 under the seal and signature of this Court.By the Order of,Principal Judge, Family Court,Begusarai. (Bihar)Date: 10–02–2026

TENDERS

CHENNAI PORT AUTHORITY
MARINE DEPARTMENT

Tender Notice
No.M/OPS/F7

Tender is invited for "Operation and Maintenance of the Chennai Port Seafarers Welfare Centre at Chennai Port Authority for a period of 3 Years and Extendable for One Plus One Year".
Est. Cost: Rs.3,96,39,123/- excl. of GST.
for further details/corrigendum, if any, visit, www.chennaiport.gov.in/ https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app.
Tender opening date: 24.03.2026

Sd/-
Deputy Conservator.

CHENNAI PORT AUTHORITY

Notice
T.No.T/WMA2/07/2026/E

Bids are invited offline under Single cover system for **"Engaging of Architectural agency for Development of Multi-purpose Hall above the existing Diamond Jubilee Building at Chennai Port."**
EMD : Rs.50.000/-
For details log on to: - www.chennaiport.gov.in.
Chief Engineer

ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ
CHIKKABALLAPURA URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.
ಸಿಟ್ರಸ್ ಸಿಟಿ ಮೇಡೋಸ್, 4ನೇ ಸೆಕ್ಟರ್, ತುಮಕಲಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ–562103. Sitrus City Meadows, 4th Sector, Tumakalahalli Village, B.B.Road, Chikkaballapur-562 103. Email ID:cuda.cbpur@gmail.com ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:08156–274701.

ಸಂ:ಚಿ.ನ.ಅ.ಪ್ರಾ/Tender/04/2025-26/2643 DATE: 13.03.2026

Invitation for Tender
(For Lake Works –As per standard Bid Document KW 3 in two cover system.)

(1) The Commissioner, Chikkaballapur Urban Development Authority Invites Tenders from the eligible tenderers, for the construction of lake works detailed in the table below in Two cover document procedures as per KTPP rules 2000 shall be followed. **(2)** Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-procurment website **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in (3)** Tenders must be electronically submitted in e-procurement portal. **(4)** Further information, if required, can be obtained from the office of the Commissioner, Chikkaballapur Urban Development Authority during working hours (5) Head of account: Lake development Cess. **(1)** Pre-bid meeting on **14.03.2026, 11:00 A.M. (2)** submission of queries **20.03.2026, 05.30 P.M. (3)** Last date & Time for receipt of tenders: **30.03.2026, 05:30P.M. (4)** Date & Time for opening of Technical bid: **01.04.2026, 11:00 A.M. (5)** Date & Time for opening of Financial bid: **08.04.2026, 11:00 A.M. or later. Name of work:** DEVELOPMENT OF DODDAMARALI LAKE (UNDER LAKE CESS FUND) BY CHIKKABALLAPURA URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CUDA) (CKBUDA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT4) (Amount put to tender Rs.80,16,042.70) In case of Any change in calendar of events, it will be published in e-procurement portal only. No separate paper notification will be given.

Sd/- Commissioner,Chikkaballapur Urban Development Authority, Chikkaballapur
DIPR/CHIKKABALLAPURA/RO:490/KSMCA/2025-26

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
HUMAN SPACE FLIGHT CENTRE (HSFC),
CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE GROUP
DEVANAHALLI, KARNATAKA-562164, PH: 080-29916308

e-Tender Notice No.: HSFC/CMG/2(18)/Comp/171/2025-26 Date: 13.03.2026

BRIEF NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

On behalf of the President of India, online Item rate tenders are invited through E-tendering for the following work.

Title of work	**Construction of CMG Building at at HSFC, Devanahalli (Civil, PH, Electrical & AC Works)**
Estimated Cost put to tender	**Rs. 180.00 Lakhs**
Period of Completion in months reckoned from the 15th day of date of issue of work order	**(07) Seven months**
Period during which the tender documents can be requested	From: **11:00 Hrs on 14.03.2026 to 23:30 Hrs on 30.03.2026**
Period during which the tender documents can be downloaded	From: **11:10 Hrs on 14.03.2026 to 23:59 Hrs on 30.03.2026**
Bid clarifications	From: **11.30 Hrs on 14.03.2026 to 14:30 Hrs on 31.03.2026**
Reply to Bid clarification	**Up to 17:00 Hrs on 01.04.2026**
Last date & time for receipt of tenders	**Up to 10:30 Hrs on 02.04.2026**
Due date & time of opening of tenders (Technical Bid)	**11:00 Hrs on 02.04.2026**
Earnest Money Deposit EMD	**Rs. 3,60,000/-**

For eligibility criteria and other details, interested tenderers may please refer Detailed bilingual (Hindi-English) Notice Inviting E-Tender (E-NIT) from website: **www.isro.gov.in** for further details and Purchase of tender documents visit **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**

Sd/- Head, CMD, CMG, HSFC.

Office of the Recovery Officer -I/II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU (DRT 2)
Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Financial Services Debt Recovery Tribunal- II, Karnataka (Bengaluru),
4th Floor, Telephone House Builiding Rajbhavan Road Bangalore - 560001

Form No. 14 (See Regulation 33(2))
DEMAND NOTICE

Notice under Sections 25 to 28 of the Recovery of Debts Due To Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rule 2 of Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961.

RC 1097/2024 in OA No. 1286/2021
CANARA BANK Vs SRI KINTAL NEERAJA & OTHERS

In the Matters of **(CH) Canara Bank,** Aavathi Branch, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District - 562 164, Karnataka. **.... Certificate Holder**
Vs
(CD 1) Smt. Kintal Neeraja W/o. Kintali Govinda Rao, R/at Flat No. 401, VIP Towers, VIP Road, near Shoppers Stop, Siripuram, Vishakhapattanam - 530 003
(CD 2) Sri. Mogili Kanaka Subhashini W/o. Manyam Vijaya Kumar, No. 54-11-23/11/12 Bhanu Nagar, Opp Ashwini Public School, Maddilapalem, Vishakhapattanam - 530 013.
(CD 3) Sri. Kondmoodi Rathnakar, S/o. Prabhakar Kondmoodi, No. 1-47-9, Sector-1, Plot No. 13, MVP Colony, Vishakhapattanam - 530 017.
(CD 4) Sri. Mohammad Sulaiman Khan, S/o. Late Dawood Khan, No. 8, 6th Main road, RMS Layout, Sanjayanagara, Bangalore - 560 094, Karnataka.
(CD 5) Smt. Nigar Sulthana, W/o.Sri. Mohammad Sulaiman Khan, No. 8, 6th Main road, RMS Layout, Sanjayanagara, Bangalore - 560 094, Karnataka.
Defendant Nos 4 & 5 is represented by their GPA Holder M/s. Manyam Estates Pvt. Ltd., A Private Limited Company having its Office at Sy. No. 19, Surabhi Layout, Jakkur Main Road, Beside Vijaya Bank, Yelahanka, Bengaluru - 560 064. Represented by its Director Sri M. Vijaya Kumar.
(CD 6) M/s. Manyam Estates Pvt Ltd., A Private Limited Company, Rep by its Director Sri M. Vijaya Kumar, having its Office at Sy. No. 19, Surebhi Layout, Jakkur Main Road, Beside Vijaya Bank, Yelahanka, Bengaluru - 560 064. **... Certificate Debtors**

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU (DRT 2) in **OA/1286/2021** an amount of **Rs.40,42,844.80/-** (Rupees Forty Lakhs Forty two Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Four and Paise Eighty Only) along with pendentellite and future interest @7.50 % simple interest yearly w.e.f. 20.11.2021 till realization in full and costs **Rs.107100/- (Rupees One Lakh Seven Thousand One Hundred Only)** has becom due jointly and severally from the Certificate Debtors. **2**. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 and Rules there under. **3**.You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing. **4**.You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, for further proceedings. **5**. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will be liable to pay:(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/ execution proceedings. (b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processess and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **21.12.2024.**

Sd/-Recover Officer
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bangalore, (DRT 2)

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below: "Rule 16 (1) Where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debt Recovery Officer, nor shall any Civil Court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. (2) Where an attachment has been made under this Schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment". 3) You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 years.

Office of the Recovery Officer -I/II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU (DRT 2)
Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Financial Services Debt Recovery Tribunal- II, Karnataka (Bengaluru),
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Form No. 14 (See Regulation 33(2))
DEMAND NOTICE

Notice under Sections 25 to 28 of the Recovery of Debts Due To Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rule 2 of Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961.

RC 1132/2024 in OA No. 1281/2021
CANARA BANK Vs SRI KINTALI GOVINDA RAO & ORS

In the Matters of **(CH) Canara Bank,** Aavathi Branch, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District - 562 164, Karnataka. **.... Certificate Holder**
Vs
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Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **03.02.2025**

Sd/-Recover Officer
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bangalore, (DRT 2)

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below: "Rule 16 (1) Where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debt Recovery Officer, nor shall any Civil Court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. (2) Where an attachment has been made under this Schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment". 3) You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 years.

'Hospitals, hostels will get priority over hotels'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

K.H. Muniyappa

The supply of commercial LPG cylinders would be prioritised to hospitals, hostels, and residential schools, Food and Civil Supplies Minister K.H. Muniyappa announced in the Legislative Council on Friday.

Hotels would have to wait for at least a week by which time supply of LPG cylinders was expected to improve, he added. "I met oil marketing companies (OMCs) representatives again today (Friday). They have informed that adequate stocks are available," the Minister informed the Council. The Minister said, "Whatever commercial LPG cylinders are available in Karnataka will be prioritised. It may take at least one week to supply cylinders to hotels. We have suggested to hotels to utilse electric stove to prepare only those items that are required."

Can manage for at least a week: Owners of small eateries

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Several eateries in the city, which witness high footfall on a daily basis, remained shut on Friday amid the LPG shortage linked to the ongoing conflict in West Asia.

Meanwhile, smaller eateries were managing and owners said they have no tension for at least a week.

Many 'darshinis' in Jayanagar, Koramangala and Adugodi in the southern part of the city were seen locked. Several well-known eateries in East Bengaluru were also found shut. "We need around six to seven cylinders every day. We didn't find it worrisome till yesterday, but now we are being careful about usage," said the caretaker of Sri Krishna Sagar restaurant on 6th Cross Road near Koramangala.

On the other hand, the owners of 'Bengal' ooru Ruchi Mane, a small eatery in Ejipura, said their menu has very few items and that they have no tension for the next seven days.

"We cook thrice a day and serve those dishes which don't require much gas. We also bought two cylinders three days ago, which will be enough for us," they said. Some eateries reported seeing more customers on Thursday.

Helplines unreachable, apps fail as bookings for LPG cylinders surge

Many consumers attempting to place orders said they were either unable to access the booking systems or received automated messages that did not match the actual status of their orders

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

People waiting in a queue to collect domestic LPG cylinders at a gas agency in Jayamahal in Bengaluru on Friday. ALLEN EGENUSE J.

Amid the continuing disruption in commercial LPG supply due to tensions in the West Asia, domestic consumers have begun reporting difficulties in booking cylinders, with several users complaining of technical glitches and misleading confirmation messages from booking platforms.

The consumers said that since the shortage for commercial cylinders began, booking domestic LPG cylinders has become increasingly difficult. Many consumers attempting to place orders said they were either unable to access the booking systems or received automated messages that did not match the actual status of their orders.

Rush creates glitch

However, distributors maintained that the supply of domestic LPG cylinders continues as usual, but the rush of consumers attempting to book them has created a glitch. As a result, the pendency of orders has increased, affecting delivery timelines.

According to users, the situation has worsened specifically over the last two days. While booking services, consumers said, briefly appeared to function when the commercial supply crisis first surfaced, the systems have now become largely inaccessible. The consumers attempting to book cylinders through mobile applications, official websites, IVRS helplines and WhatsApp channels said the platforms were either unresponsive or repeatedly failed during the process. Many also reported that helpline numbers were unreachable.

Some consumers said they received confirmation messages stating that their cylinders had been delivered even though no delivery had taken place.

Gargi Shinde, a resident of Gandhinagar, said that after several failed attempts to place an order, she received a message the following day stating that the cylinder had been successfully delivered. However, she said the delivery was not made.

Others faced restrictions while attempting to place a booking. Mohammed Tarzeem, a resident of Benson Town, said that when he tried to book through the mobile application, the system showed a message stating that he was not eligible to place another order because a cylinder had already been delivered in the previous two weeks.

At the same time, several households said they were trying to conserve the cylinders they currently have due to the uncertainty. One consumer said the family has a cylinder that may last for about three more weeks, but the inability to place a new booking has caused panic. The LPG distributors, however, said that the difficulties were largely the result of an unexpected surge in booking requests rather than an actual shortage of domestic cylinders. According to the distributors, panic among consumers has led to a sharp increase in orders that affected the booking and distribution systems overwhelmingly.

A representative from HP Gas said that the sudden spike has put pressure on both technical infrastructure and operational capacity of LPG distribution centres. Despite the difficulties, a few residents also said they eventually received their cylinders within a few days.

More than 50 godowns were inspected over the past two days, but no illegal activity was detected. ALLEN EGENUSE J.

Police launch drive against hoarding, illegal marketing of cylinders in city

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Amid the ongoing LPG crisis, the Bengaluru City Police have launched a drive against illegal hoarding and marketing of LPG cylinders in the city. More than 50 godowns were inspected over the past two days, but no such illegal activities have been detected so far.

Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh told *The Hindu* that teams have been formed at the police station level and that the drive was being supervised by the Deputy Commissioners of Police (DCPs).

Yatish N., DCP West, said that they were monitoring individuals involved in illegal marketing and related activities. In addition, teams have been inspecting warehouses where LPG cylinders were stored, to check whether they were being held illegally. "We checked about eight such godowns in our jurisdiction, but no illegal hoarding was observed," he said.

> Police are conducting a sensitisation drive to prevent any illegal marketing activities
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> **B. NEMAGOUD**
> Deputy Commissioner of Police, North

B. Nemagoud, DCP North, said that the police were conducting a sensitisation drive to prevent any illegal marketing activities. About 18 godowns were inspected, but nothing suspicious was found.

According to the DCPs who spoke to *The Hindu*, more than 50 warehouses and several goods vehicles were searched in the last two days.

Meanwhile, Home Minister G. Parameshwara told reporters on Friday that DG&IGP M.A. Saleem has already instructed all Superintendents of Police and Commissioners across the State to keep vigil against illegal hoarding and marketing of LPG cylinders.

Towing in Bengaluru North may be delayed

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Towing vehicles parked at the Traffic Management Centre in Bengaluru on Friday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Pommala Sunil Kumar, Commissioner of the Bengaluru North City Corporation, on Thursday directed the traffic police to begin towing operations within their jurisdiction, though the move is likely to face delays.

Mr. Kumar said that towing could begin on Monday as the vehicles had been procured. However, according to traffic police sources, some administrative work is still pending, which may take about a week. About 10 vehicles have been procured so far by four corporations, while the West Corporation is yet to get any. According to sources in the West Corporation, tenders have been called for 10 vehicles, one for each constituency, and the vehicles will be obtained soon. Meanwhile, the Greater Bengaluru Authority and the Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) are finalising the fine and challan system. A BTP source explained that the new towing model is being implemented jointly by the corporations and the BTP.

"For the violation, a fine will be collected by the police as per the prescribed rules. Further, towing charges will be levied, which will go to the corporation. This rule has to be notified and is currently in process. It may take about a week to finalise, after which towing operations can begin," the officer said.

70 more 'Pallakki', 45 Sarige buses flagged off

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy flagged off 70 non-AC sleeper 'Pallakki' buses and 45 Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation ordinary buses in Bengaluru on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Minister for Transport Ramalinga Reddy on Friday flagged off 70 new non-air-conditioned 'Pallakki' sleeper buses and 45 Karnataka Sarige buses of the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) in Bengaluru, strengthening the corporation's intercity transport network.

According to the KSRTC officials, the newly launched Pallakki sleeper buses will operate to several major and pilgrim destinations including Udupi, Mangaluru, Mysuru, Dharmasthala, Sringeri, Horanadu, Agumbe, Chikkamagaluru, Davangere, Chitradurga, Hampi, Raichur, Jamkhandi, Puttur, Kaniyur, Kukke Subrahmanya, Kasaragod, Mantralaya, Tiruchirappalli, Kozhikode, Munnar, Puducherry, Thanjavur, Kottayam, Hyderabad, Chennai, Panaji, Madurai, Kumbakonam, and Ernakulam.

Mr. Reddy said that the government plans to further expand the KSRTC fleet in the coming months.

"A total of 805 new Karnataka Sarige and urban/rural transport buses will be added to the corporation's fleet during April, May, and June 2026," he said.

Each Pallakki bus has 30 sleeper berths , and the Sarige buses can seat 50 passengers plus one.

'Byramangala revival plan fails to address root causes polluting Vrishabhavati'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The report published by Mapping Malnad throws light on the river's worsening condition. K. MURALI KUMAR

According to a recently released report, the State government's proposal of a ₹391 crore plan to revive the long-contaminated Byramangala reservoir reveals a fundamental disconnect from pollution reality, and fails to address the source of the pollution that has turned Vrishabhavati river into a toxic stream.

Published by Mapping Malnad, a citizen-led platform for research, advocacy and dialogue to protect the Western Ghats, the report throws light on the river's worsening condition, and how the river's pollutants also make their way into vegetables, feed, and even animal and human bodies, turning it into a public health crisis.

River to urban drain

According to the researchers, the approximately 69 km-long river collects nearly 500 MLD of toxic wastewater along with massive quantities of solid waste from urban, industrial, and rural settlements before being impounded behind the Byramangala dam near Bidadi.

In 2019, the State government began efforts to execute a ₹110-crore project to construct a diversion weir and channel to direct water from Vrishabhavati to Arkavati river without entering the Byramangala reservoir.

The Byramangala reservoir reduces the pollution load of the Vrishabhavati by naturally filtering several pollutants. The government's diversion project would have eliminated this step. The diversion project was being pushed even as the recommendations of a 2018 CPCB report and a 2019 KSPCB Action Plan to address the root cause of the problem remained largely unimplemented.

"Bengaluru's pollution was not being prevented or treated at source. It was simply being moved downstream- from the Vrishabhavathi to the Arkavati, and eventually to the Cauvery," noted the report.

The move was challenged in the High Court of Karnataka on the ground that bypassing the Byramangala reservoir would have far-reaching and irreversible pollution consequences for the Arkavati and the Cauvery rivers.In 2020, the court stayed the project, and brought in National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI) to give expert opinion.

The NEERI's recommendations included curbing illegal industrial discharge, strengthening sewage infrastructure, preventing the entry of solid waste, and establishing constructed wetlands along the Vrishabhavati. Following the report, the court asked the State to submit a plan for timely implementation of the recommendations. However, to date, no such comprehensive implementation plan has been placed on record, showed the report.

The plan includes construction of a sewage treatment plant to prevent raw sewage and polluted water from upstream entering the lake

Worsening situation

The report further showed that in addition to waste and effluent inflow from Bengaluru, industrial clusters at Kumbalgodu and Bidadi continue to contribute significant toxic loads to the river even today. Citing data from the KSPCB, it noted how all samples but one exceed the permissible BOD limit, and that BOD levels in 2024 were significantly higher than in previous years, pointing to a sharp deterioration in water quality.

This water is diverted into irrigation canals, and used to cultivate crops and fodder in the downstream command areas.

The government's latest plan is a ₹391 crore reboot of the Byramangala reservoir, which includes construction of a sewage treatment plant near the reservoir to stop raw sewage and polluted water from upstream entering the lake.

The report, however, noted that the latest plan also refuses to confront the cycle of pollution, and was simply a cosmetic effort in the context of the proposed development of the Bidadi Satellite Township.

"When pollution is redirected downstream bypassing the reservoi- to Kanakapura and to the farmers in the Harobele dam command area- it becomes injustice. They are burdened with a problem they did not create, whose magnitude they may not fully grasp, and for which they have the least capacity to seek redress." Nirmala Gowda, founder of Mapping Malnad, said the only solution was strengthening the pollution control board, stricter enforcement and accountability at source.

"Geographical displacement of pollution is not okay. Politicians, policy makers and public should move away from the logic of extraction, which revolves around building more dams, drawing more water, and treating rivers as drains for the city's waste. Instead, we should move towards the logic of restoration and recognition of rivers as living systems whose health is inseparable from our own," she said.

Timings
BENGALURU

SATURDAY, MAR. 14		
RISE	06:28	SET 18:30
RISE	02:52	SET 14:25
SUNDAY, MAR. 15		
RISE	06:27	SET 18:30
RISE	03:39	SET 15:19
MONDAY, MAR. 16		
RISE	06:26	SET 18:30
RISE	04:22	SET 16:12

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	30	20
Mysuru	33	18
Bengaluru	33	20

Bengaluru Today
32°C The weather will be dry. Day will be little warm. Night will be pleasant.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
32°C Morning will be slight cool with mist and haze. Day will be little warm. Night also will be slight cool.

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30 Cong. MLAs hold dinner meet, seek Cabinet berths

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BENGALURU

About 30 MLAs of the ruling Congress in Karnataka met for a dinner meeting at a private club in Bengaluru on Thursday to press the party high command to allow Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to undertake a Cabinet reshuffle and induct senior legislators.

Speaking to reporters after the meeting, the MLAs said the party high command had earlier assured them that a Cabinet reshuffle would be considered after the government crosses the mid-term mark. The Congress government completed half of its five-year tenure last November.

The legislators said they were seeking the induction of experienced MLAs who have been elected 3 to 4 times to the Assembly. According to them, at least 22 such MLAs should be accommodated in the Cabinet during the reshuffle.

The meeting attracted attention amid speculation over a possible change of leadership in the State after the Budget or following Assembly elections in five States. The dinner meeting was held on the same night that Mr. Siddaramaiah and his Ministers convened a Cabinet meeting.

Congress MLAs during a dinner meet at a hotel in Bengaluru on Thursday.

Several MLAs who attended the meeting told the media that they would visit New Delhi at the end of this month, after the Budget session of the Assembly concludes on March 27, to press their demand before the party leadership.

Among those who spoke to the media were Chief Whip in the Legislative Assembly Ashok Pattan, Belur Gopalakrishna and K.M. Shivalinge Gowda. They said around 30 MLAs had gathered to discuss the need for a Cabinet reshuffle.

MLAs cutting across factional loyalties attended the meeting. Prominent among them were H.C. Balakrishna, N.A. Haris, Srinivas Mane, Laxman Savadi, T.B. Jayachandra, Ganesh Hukkeri and Puttaranga Shetty, among others.

Mr. Shivalinge Gowda said the government would soon complete nearly three years in office, and reiterated that the party leadership had promised a Cabinet reshuffle after the mid-term. "We are urging the high command to allow the Chief Minister to undertake the reshuffle and induct experienced legislators into the Ministry," he said.

Sagar MLA Mr. Gopalakrishna said opportunities should be given to experienced legislators elected multiple times to strengthen the party.

Mr. Pattan said the MLAs would meet the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister before travelling to Delhi after the Budget session.

"We will meet the party's central leadership to press for Cabinet berths. We are not demanding positions for all 30 MLAs, but at least 22 should be inducted into the Cabinet," he said.

While Mr. Siddaramaiah has been seeking the high command's nod for the Cabinet reshuffle, Mr. Shivakumar has been opposing it on the pretext that it would delay his promotion to the top post.

RS elections: 8 Odisha Congress MLAs move to resort near Bengaluru

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Ahead of the March 16 Rajya Sabha elections, eight MLAs of the opposition Congress from Odisha have been shifted to Bengaluru and are staying at a private resort on the city's outskirts amid fears that the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party in the eastern State might attempt to poach them.

According to sources, the MLAs arrived in Bengaluru on Thursday night along with their families and were taken to a private resort in Bidadi under the supervision of Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar.

Mr. Shivakumar and senior Congress leaders in Karnataka met Odisha PCC chief Bhakta Charan Das and the visiting MLAs on Friday evening. Odisha MLAs staying at the resort are: Rajan Ekka, Ashok Das, Appala Kumar Swamy, Mangu Killo, Pavitra Sauntha, Nilamadhav Hikka, Prafulla Pradhan and Sathyajit Gomongo.

Congress MLAs from Odisha who arrived at a resort in Bidadi with KPCC president and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar.

However, Mr. Shivakumar said he had not brought the legislators to Bengaluru and that they had arrived on their own. "The Odisha PCC president called me and said they were coming to Bengaluru. It must be a party matter. When they said they were coming, I said they could come. They wanted a comfortable place and we arranged it," he told reporters.

When asked whether the party had entrusted him with the task of preventing cross-voting in the Rajya Sabha elections, Mr. Shivakumar said he would do whatever the party asked him to do.

"This happens in all States; it is nothing new," he said, adding that the MLAs had expressed their desire to meet him after the Karnataka Assembly session.

Asked if the move was aimed at preventing another "Operation Lotus", he said the MLAs had told him they preferred to stay in Bengaluru as it was safe. "It is our duty to take care of them. I have been doing this since the days of the Vilasrao Deshmukh government and have handled similar situations many times, including during the Rajya Sabha election of Ahmed Patel," he said.

Responding to a question on whether he was acting as a "trouble-shooter" for the party while his own political issues remained unresolved, Mr. Shivakumar said, "Time will decide."

Airports in tier-II cities are not financially viable after end of UDAN scheme: M.B. Patil

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Airports in tier-II cities and district headquarters have proved to be not financially viable after the end of the UDAN scheme, Industry and Infrastructure Development Minister M.B. Patil said in the Legislative Assembly on Friday.

Replying to a question by BJP member G. Janardhana Reddy, Mr. Patil said airports in tier-II cities such as Kalaburagi, Bidar and Shivamogga are not financially sustainable after the completion of the three-year incentive period under the scheme, which provides concessional airfares to passengers.

Across country

Noting that several airports located in district and divisional headquarters across the country are facing similar financial challenges, he said the airport at Bidar is currently operating with financial support from the Kalyana Karnataka Region Development Board (KKRDB). There has also been a demand to resume operations at the Kalaburagi airport with similar support from the Board, he added.

To improve the viability of district airports, Mr. Patil said he had proposed to the Union Civil Aviation Minister that the UDAN scheme be extended from three years to five years. For the subsequent five years, the Centre and the State governments could jointly support operations in a 50:50 ratio, he suggested.

He also said the State government is planning to introduce an aviation policy – on the lines of those adopted by Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh – to develop airports in tier-II cities and make them financially viable.

IN THE LEGISLATURE

Ballari airport proposal

The government intends to establish an airport in Ballari to serve the regions of Vijayanagara and Koppal districts as well as neighbouring areas of Andhra Pradesh.

The airport project was first proposed in Ballari in 2010, but no groundwork commenced after the private firm associated with the project withdrew. In 2022, the previous BJP government decided to take up the project with State funding. However, no consensus has been reached regarding the 900 acres acquired nearly 15 years ago for the project.

Mr. Patil said the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) has now identified two alternative sites in Ballari district measuring about 800 acres and 1,200 acres for the proposed project.

Meeting with CM

Mr. Patil said a meeting of public representatives from Ballari, Vijayanagara and Koppal districts will soon be convened under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister to discuss the merits and challenges of the project.

However, the suitability of the proposed site will have to be assessed by the Airports Authority of India before a final decision is taken. Mr. Patil said airports must be planned with long-term foresight to avoid repeating the mistakes seen in places such as Hubballi, Belagavi and Vijayapura.

Minister: Draft of suicide prevention policy ready

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The draft of Karnataka Prevention of Suicide Policy has been readied by a committee headed by the Additional Chief Secretary to assist students in need, Social Welfare Minister H.C. Mahadevappa told the Legislative Council on Friday, even as he said that 12 students had died by suicide in the Social Welfare Department-run hostels across the State in the last three years.

The Minister said that as per the policy, appointment of counsellor is mandated in educational institutions having more than 100 students.

The reason for suicides include love failure, personal reasons and gambling, he said in response to a question from Thippanna Kamakanur. "When investigated, the reason for suicides was not always of stress, ragging or lack of facilities," he said.

Private member Bill on pledged gold tabled

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Legislative Council on Friday allowed a private member Bill to curb harassment of those who pledge gold by non-banking financial companies and private finance institutions in the State.

Congress member Ramesh Babu moved The Karnataka Protection of Borrowers Who Have Pledged Gold Bill that the House agreed to discuss next week.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
COMMISSIONERATE FOR WELFARE OF THE DIFFERENTLY ABLED
No.05, LADY WILLINGDON COLLEGE CAMPUS, KAMARAJAR SALAI, CHENNAI-600 005.

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Proposals are to be uploaded through the e-procurement portal at **http://tntenders.gov.in**

Project Director – TN RIGHTS / Commissioner for Welfare the Differently Abled, Chennai-600 005 reserves the right to accept or reject the tenders without assigning any reason.

DIPR/ 1779 /TENDER/2026 **Project Director – RIGHTS / Commissioner for Welfare of the Differently Abled**

Arulmigu Dhandayuthapani Swamy Temple, Palani
Dindigul District, Tamilnadu
HUMAN HAIR E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

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OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL HEAD, IDCO, IDCO BALASORE DIVISION
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1. Name of the Work : External Development of Administrative Building along with additional toilet for Men & Women at Industrial Estate Angargadia, Balasore ..
2. Value of the work : Rs.22.69 Lakhs
3. Period of Completion : 03 (Three) Calendar months.
4. Other details :

Procurement Officer	Tender Reference No.	Availability of Tender On-Line for Bidding	
1	2	3	4
Divisional Head, Balasore Division, IDCO, Balasore	BLS/CIV/EST-07/2025-26	16.03.2026 at 17.00 Hrs.	30.03.2026 up to 17.00 Hrs.

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal, **www.tendersodisha.gov.in** and Corrigendum if any will not be published in newspapers and can only be seen in the e-Procurement portal **www.tendersodisha.gov.in** and **www.idco.in.**

4001/66/2526 **Sd/- Divisional Head, IDCO, Balasore** OIPR-4001/4075/1/25-26/0022

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
ZILLA PANCHAYATH, KOPPAL. THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL DRINKING WATER & SANITATION DIVISION, KOPPAL
NO.RWS/Dn/KPL/MVS OM/2025-26/1476 Date: 13.03.2026
KPPP NOTIFICATION (Double Cover System)

On Behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water Supply & sanitation Division, Koppal Invites e-Tender for OUTSOURCE ENGINEERS & Staff Work The eligible bidders are requested to submit the Bid in Double Cover System through kppp portol mode through portol http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

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If any More Information Contractor should Contact this office or wide email id:eerwsskpl@gmail.com in Office Hours and Tenders will be Download from **17/03/2026** Tender Processing Fee: As Per KPPP Portol Tender Downloading Date: **17/03/2026** Time: 10:00 AM to **26/03/2026** 16:00 Hours Tender receiving Date and Time: **17/03/2026** Time: 10:00 AM to **26/03/2026** 16:00 Hours Technical Bid Opening Date and Time: **27/03/2026** Date:16:30 Hours Financial Bid Opening after approval of the technical bid from the Competent Authority **30/03/2026** or After Obtaining the Technical Bid Approval from the Competent Authority

The Contractors should produce the Original Documents within 8 days from the open of the tender. If failed such Contractor candidature will not be considered.

DIPR/Koppal/752/KSMCA/2025-26 **Sd/-Executive Engineer, R.D.W & S .Division, Koppal**

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Chikkamagalur Urban Development Authority
Hiremagaluru Residential Layout, 1st Stage, Hiremagaluru – Kadur Bypass Road, Kalyan Nagar, Chikkamagaluru - 577102
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Email: cmr_cudackm@yahoo.in
No.: CUDA:H.R.L.:Intermediary Site: e-Auction/Notice: 04:2025-26 Date: 12.03.2026

e-Auction Notice of Intermediary Sites in Hiremagaluru Residential Layout Developed by Chikkamagaluru Urban Development Authority.

Date of opening e-Auction for sites from Sl. No. 1 to 11: 13.03.2026 after 10.00 Hrs. (IST). Last date for expression of interest to participate in e-Auction: 30.03.2026 up to 17.30 Hrs. (IST).

Commencement date of live bidding in e-Auction for sites from Sl. No. 1 to 11: 01.04.2026 from 11.00 to 17.00 Hrs. (IST) (5.00 PM) (Delta Time Of 5 Minutes will be given).

E.M.D. to be paid for participating in e-Auction, Rs. 50,000/- for each site and Minimum increase in Bid Price for sites Rs. 10,000/-.

For participation in e-Auction, further information, details of sites, visit website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Commissioner, Chikkamagaluru Urban Development Authority, Chikkamagaluru.

DIPR/ckm/ksmca/25-26/192/2015

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
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No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-EOI-01/3939/2025-26 Date: 13.03.2026

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KIADB invites tender for expression of interest from Reputed Consultants/Firms under two cover bid system Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement having vast experience and proven record of similar nature of work.

Name of the work: Expression of Interest for setting up of Solid Waste Management (SWM) facility similar to TSDF which includes Collection, Segregation, Processing and Scientific Disposal of Solid Waste in Selected Industrial Areas of Karnataka under Public Private Partnership (PPP) Model.

- Last Date for submission of Bids: **27.03.2026** upto **4:00** pm.

Applicants may download bidding documents from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Chief Engineer-1, KIADB, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/6270/CCL/2025-26

IN THE COURT OF THE 1ST ADDL. DISTRICT AND SESSION JUDGE, BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT AT BENGALURU
RA No: 66/2023

Between: 1. Smt. Rangamma, W/o Late Govindappa, Aged about 45 years,
...Defendant No.1/Appellant No.1
2. Smt. Honamma, D/o Govindappa, W/o Gangaraju, Aged about 32 years,
...Defendant No.2/Appellant No.2
3. Smt. Tara, D/o Govindappa, W/o Raghu, Aged about 30 years,
...Defendant No.3/Appellant No.3
4. Smt. Pavithra, D/o Govindappa, Aged about 27 years, **...Defendant No.4/Appellant No.4**
5. Sri. Chandrashekhar, S/o Govindappa, Aged about 24 years,
...Defendant No.5/Appellant No.5
6. Smt. Umashri, D/o Govindappa, Aged about 21 years, **...Defendant No.6/Appellant No.6**
All are residing at Timmenahalli, Chikkabanavara (post), Bangalore -560 090.
AND : Smt. Chikkamma and others
...Respondents

SUMMONS FOR SERVICE UNDER ORDER V RULE 20(1A) OF CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE RESPONDENT No: 5

5) Sri. Eshwararao, S/o Late Shettojirao, Aged about 63 years, R/at House No.13, In front of patel Muniyappa Building, Anganawadi Kendra, Nagasandra Post, Bangalore -560073.

Whereas the appellants named above have filed the above appeal, praying to set aside the Judgment & Decree dated 06-03-2023 passed in OS No: 199/2012 by the Hon'ble Principal Senior Civil Judge at Nelamangla.

Wherefore, you the Respondent No. 5 is hereby directed to appear before this Hon'ble Court on **17-04-2026 at 11-00 am** either in person or through a pleader duly authorized, failing which the appeal will be heard and disposed off ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of this court on 11/3/2026.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Chief Administrative Officer
District & Sessions Court
Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore
ADVOCATE FOR APPELLANT [Umesha. V]
KAR/341/16

TO WHOM SO EVER IT MAY CONCERN

That our Client, Smt. SHANTI SUBRAMANIAN wife of Sri S.K.Subramanian residing at 1/12, Hanumanthappa Layout, Ulsoor Bengaluru – 560008, is the absolute owner of Property bearing Site No.11, Khata No. 348/143/144/3 situated at A. Narayanapura Village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, now within the limits of Bruhut Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike measuring East to West 15 feet and North to South 48 feet, in all measuring 720 sq ft and having purchased the same from Mrs. Nagaveni, wife of Sri. Appanna under a registered Sale Deed dated 18th June 2008, and registered as document No.1111 of 2008-09, in Book-I, stored in CD No. MDPD23, in the Office of the Senior Sub-Registrar, Mahadevapura, Bengaluru. Further Mrs. Nagaveni in turn brought the Schedule Property from Mr. C.Krishnappa son of Sri Chinnappa under a registered Sale Deed dated 29th December 2003, and registered as document No. 16147 of 2003-04, in Book-I, Stored in CD No. 116, in the office of the Photo Registrar, Krishnarajapuram, Bangalore (urban) District.

Our Clients are currently unable to trace the Original Sale Deed dated 29th December 2003, executed by Mr. C.Krishnappa in favour Mrs. Nagaveni and registered as document No. 16147 of 2003-04, in Book-I, Stored in CD No. 116, in the Office of the Senior Sub-Registrar, Mahadevapura, Bengaluru in respect of the abovementioned property. Hence, Our Clients no longer has in her possession the Original Sale Deed as stated above pertaining to the aforesaid property.

Our Clients have already lodged a police complaint regarding this before the Karnataka City Police, Lost Article Report on 12th March 2026. If any one has found the above Sale Deed, we request them to hand over the same to the under signed person. As such our Clients have already obtained the certified copy of the Sale Deed from the Office of the Senior Sub-Registrar, Krishnarajapuram, Bangalore on 6th November 2023, vide Certified Copy No. CCA-4166 of 2023-24 and the said certified copy which Our Client has in her possession shall be treated as the original document in the abovementioned circumstances.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Site No.11, Khata No. 348/143/144/3 situated at A. Narayanapura Village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, now within the limits of Bruhut Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike measuring East to West 15 feet and North to South 48 feet, in all measuring 720 sq ft and building measuring 300 squares standing thereon, and bounded as follows:

On the East by : Eastern Portion of Site No.11;
On the West by : Site No.12;
On the North by : Private Property and;
On the South by : Road.

RAMESH .T , Partner,
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Quarters for judges on vet varsity land: HC issues notice

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Friday ordered issue of notice on a PIL petition questioning the State government's January 8, 2026, order for transferring four acres of pristine land of the Karnataka Veterinary, Animal and Fisheries Sciences University to construct additional 20 quarters as an annexe for the Nyaya Grama, the existing residential quarters for judges of High Court, and another three acres to build a super-speciality hospital.

A Division Bench, comprising D.K. Singh and Justice T.M. Nadaf, passed the order on a petition filed by the Karnataka Veterinary Association, Bangalore Veterinary College Alumni Association, Senior Veterinarians Association, and Dairy Science College Alumni Association.

Cabinet decision

Pointing out that the January 8 Government Order (GO) was issued based on a Cabinet decision taken in November 2025, it was contended that the decision to divert the land was taken without consulting the stakeholders, the varsity and its constituent colleges, who had to give up the land which otherwise was vital for academic, research and extension, and other activities. The petitioners cautioned that any further reduction in campus acreage of the varsity would jeopardise ongoing projects and lead to the "de-recognition" of the college by the Veterinary Council of India for failing to meet minimum infrastructure requirements.

Dropped in 2011

Stating that a similar proposal for diverting about 20 acres of the land of the university for quarters for the judges was dropped in 2011 after a previous legal challenge and adjacent lands belonging to the Karnataka State Seeds Corporation Ltd were utilised, the petitioners urged that the land meant for the university's activities must be preserved for its original intended purposes and should not be diverted.

It had been stated in the GO that the land was identified for construction of quarters for judges following the resolution made in the meeting held in September 2025 between the Chief Justice of the High Court of Karnataka and the Chief Minister.

Hearing adjourned

While ordering issue of notices to the State government, the university and the veterinary college, the Bench adjourned further hearing on the petition till March 25.

No need for CBI probe in gold 'theft' case: HC

Kerala HC says SIT holding probe under its supervision; earlier, it had said forensic tests were needed to prove gold theft at Sabarimala temple

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

Gold-claddings being removed for scientific examination as part of the probe into the alleged gold theft at Sabarimala. FILE PHOTO

Stating that the Special Investigation Team was carrying out a satisfactory probe in the case pertaining to the misappropriation of gold from the Sabarimala temple, the Kerala High Court orally observed there was no need for a CBI probe into the matter.

Moreover, the probe is being done under High Court supervision, the court said, hearing a batch of petitions seeking a CBI probe in the case.

Everybody knows that the idols and door frames of the temple were gold-clad (in 1999). A probe is being carried out at two labs (to assess the quantum of gold) and it requires time, the court said.

A report is awaited in a week.

On February 9, the High Court had observed that advanced forensic and metallurgical examination was essential to establish the allegations of theft of gold from the Dwarapalakas and the temple door frames. Subsequently, 36 samples collected by the SIT as part of the probe into the missing gold from the Sabarimala temple had been taken to the National Metallurgical Laboratory in Jamshedpur for scientific examination.

Two more die in milk adulteration case in A.P.

T. Appala Naidu
RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM

The death toll due to the consumption of milk, adulterated with ethylene glycol, rose to 15 on Friday morning, after two survivors died while undergoing medical treatment at two separate hospitals in Rajamahendravaram city in Andhra Pradesh.

They died within three hours due to acute renal failure, a condition linked to the consumption of adulterated milk. In a health bulletin issued, East Godavari District Medical and Health Officer Dr. K. Venkateswara Rao said; "Two survivors, Reddy Anantha Lakshmi (55) and Kadali Krishna Rao (73) died due to acute renal failure on Friday. As on date, five more survivors are battling for their lives with acute renal failure."

82-year-old bed-ridden woman mauled to death by stray dog in Thrissur

The Hindu Bureau
THRISSUR

The growing menace of stray dogs came into sharp focus on Thursday evening when an 82-year-old bed-ridden woman, Kizhakkepurakkal Karthyayani, was mauled to death by a stray dog that entered her house at Vellarakkad in Thrissur district of Kerala. Her son Devadas (56) also suffered serious injuries in the attack. According to relatives, Karthyayani and her ailing son were alone at home when the incident occurred.

Her another son Manikandan arrived in the evening carrying food for them and found a dog biting and dragging Devadas by the leg.

Karthyayani was lying unconscious with critical wounds all over her body. They were rushed to Thrissur Medical College Hospital, but Karthyayani succumbed to her injuries.

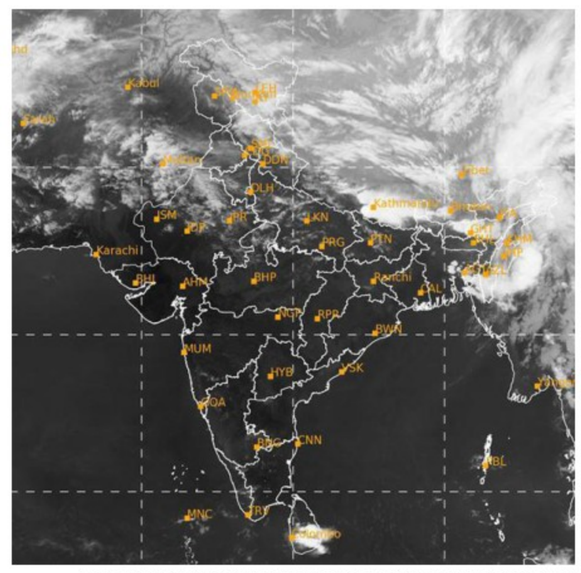
It is suspected that the same dog had attacked several others in the nearby area earlier.

The aggressive stray dog was later captured by residents on Friday morning after it continued to create panic in the neighbourhood. In another recent incident, a young man reportedly collapsed and died after running in fear on seeing a dog.

Residents say stray dogs are now frequently seen roaming in large numbers across key parts of the city including the Corporation area, Sakthan Market and Kizhakkekotta, apart from several rural pockets of the district.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.15 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and Meghalaya. Thunderstorm with lightning/gusty winds likely at isolated places over Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Sikkim and West Bengal. Heat wave conditions likely at isolated places over Jharkhand and Odisha

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	32.7	23.6	Kozhikode	—	35.1	26.6
Ahmedabad	—	39.5	21.7	Kurnool	—	39.9	23.7
Aizawl	—	30.4	17.8	Lucknow	—	35.3	19.0
Allahabad	—	36.8	17.6	Madurai	—	37.0	23.6
Bengaluru	—	33.2	20.2	Mangaluru	—	33.4	24.6
Bhopal	—	37.8	17.6	Mumbai	—	37.0	22.8
Bhubaneswar	—	34.2	24.4	Mysuru	—	34.0	17.6
Chandigarh	—	30.8	17.1	New Delhi	—	32.6	20.4
Chennai	—	34.3	24.3	Patna	—	34.3	22.5
Coimbatore	—	35.2	23.0	Port Blair	—	31.7	25.7
Dehradun	—	32.0	16.7	Puducherry	—	32.4	24.2
Gangtok	18	13.6	13.1	Pune	—	39.6	22.0
Goa	—	33.4	24.4	Raipur	—	39.4	21.5
Guwahati	2	24.3	20.6	Ranchi	—	34.7	17.0
Hubballi	—	37.0	19.0	Shillong	0.5	19.1	12.8
Hyderabad	—	37.6	21.0	Shimla	—	26.9	13.4
Imphal	18.4	23.2	15.8	Srinagar	0.6	19.2	4.4
Jaipur	—	35.4	22.2	Thiruvananthapuram	—	33.5	24.8
Kochi	—	32.0	26.4	Tiruchi	—	36.1	24.0
Kohima	—	22.0	13.0	Vijayawada	—	35.0	23.5
Kolkata	5	35.7	24.8	Visakhapatnam	—	31.5	24.7

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.33	.16	.66	...214	...164	
Bengaluru	...4	..22	.38	...176	...239	
Chennai	...2	..12	.00	37	...310	
Delhi	.82	109	.40	...214	...213	
Hyderabad	...4	9	.42	95	...118	
Kolkata	.14	..30	.17	51	...139	
Lucknow	.10	..31	.49	...229	...158	
Mumbai	...2	..63	104	...106	...115	
Pune	.33	..93	.69	79	...116	
Visakhapatnam	.46	..60	.24	75	...113	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Bhiwadi, Rajasthan recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 290 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir recorded a healthy AQI score of 29

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation And Ground Water Development Division, Ballari

IFT No. EE/MI & GWDD/Bly/AE-1/2025-26/2303 **Date: 09. 03.2026**

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (KW-4)

On behalf of Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka the Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Division Ballari invited the tender for the work of under **Head of Account Flood work** in Vijayanagar Dist., HarapanahalliTaluk **01** Work in **Two Cover System Minimum Estimated amount put to tender is Rs.60.53 lakhs,** the tenderers should download and submitt the tenders from **date : 09.03.2026 to 17.03.2026 upto 17.30 hours. Date & Time of opening Technical Bid is on 20.03.2026 at 11.00 hours. Opening of Financial Bid is on 23.03.2026 at 11.00 hours**. Any other information should get by login the website **"KPPP"** website http:// kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
M.I. & G.W.D. Division, Ballari.

DIPR/Ballari/1138/KSMCA/2025-26

KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD
3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560009.

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

Karnataka Housing Board invites tenders from the eligible Pre qualified contractors & willing to Pre qualify in Karnataka Housing Board through Karnataka public procurement portal for the below mentioned works.
Construction of Veterinary Dispensary/Hospital/Primary Veterinary Center at various places for Veterinary department

Sl.No.	Name of the work
1	Mayaganahalli, Biravalli, Valagerahlli, Kannali, Hitnallikoppalu in Mandya District. **Work Indent No.:** KHB/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT 727& IFT No.171/2025-26 Date: 09.03.2026. **Amount put to tender:** Rs. 1,90,28,123/-.
2	Tirlapura, Tadahala, Kalaghatagi, Tabakadahonnihalli & Rottigavada in Dharward District. **Work Indent No.:** KHB/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT 729 & IFT No.173/2025-26 Date: 09.03.2026. **Amount put to tender:** Rs.1,89,34,128/-.
3	Malavalli, Kodasoge, Baagli & Allur in Chamarajanagara District. **Work Indent No.:** KHB/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT 731 & IFT No.175/2025-26 Date: 09.03.2026**. Amount put to tender:** Rs.1,51,33,190/-.
	for Sl No.1 to 3 Last date and time for Submission of Bid Date: 18.03.2026 up to 4.00 PM
4	Mannehundi, Yachenahalli, Hegguru, B.C.Halli, Tumbala, Sarakari Uttanahalli, Varakodu, Gopalapura, Siddaramanahundi in Mysuru District. **Work Indent No.:** KHB/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT 728 & IFT No.172/2025-26 Date: 09.03.2026. **Amount put to tender:** Rs.3,40,93,413/-.
5	Kodakola, Kempisiddanahundi, Piriyapattna, Kottavalli, Doddaharave, H.D.Kote, J.B.Saraguru and Kesthurukoppalu in Mysuru District. **Work Indent No.:** KHB/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT 730 & IFT No.174/2025-26 Date: 09.03.2026**. Amount put to tender:** Rs.3,03,47,270/-.
	for Sl No.4 and 5 Last date and time for Submission of Bid Date: 23.03.2026 up to 4.00 PM.

For further information, contact below mentioned office address: Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru. Telephone No: 080-22273511/080-22100077, Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/6223/AKAR/2025-26

CAUVERY NIRAVARI NIGAMA NIYAMITHA
(A Govt. of Karnataka Enterprises)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, CNNL, YAGACHI PROJECT DIVISION, BELUR, HASSAN DISTRICT
PHONE: 08177-222294(OFF) FAX : 08177-222293

Corrigendum to Short term Tender Notification No.12/2025-26, Dated: 03-03-2026 (Through KPPportal only)

In theShort termTender Notification invited on behalf of the Managing Director, CNNL, Bangalore from Executive Engineer, Yagachi Project Division, Belur.6) The contractor can have access e-tender documents from Date: -06-03-2026 from 4.00 PM to Date: -13-03-2026 at 4.00 pm. through website www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in on payment (Non Refundable) of transaction fees as fixed by e –portal, 7) Pre Bid Meeting Date:10-03-2026 8) Opening of Technical bid on Date:-16-03-2026 at 11.00 am onwards. is modified as 6) The contractor can have access e-tender documents from Date: -12-03-2026 from 4.00 PM to Date: -20-03-2026 at 4.00 pm. through website www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in on payment (Non Refundable) of transaction fees as fixed by e –portal, 7) Pre Bid Meeting Date:17-03-2026 8) Opening of Technical bid on Date:- 23-03-2026 at 11.00 am onwards. For further information etc., contact in the undersigned office during working hours or through website www.kppp.karnataka. gov.in (Department).

Sd/- Executive Engineer, CNNL, Yagachi Project Division, Belur.

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BENGALURU EAST CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Horamavu Division, Jayanthinagara Circle,
Horamavu Main Road, Horamavu, Bengaluru-560113

No.: BECC/EE/HRM/TN/06/2025-26 **Date: 13.03.2026**

INVITATION FOR TENDERS (Short Term)
(Only through KPP Portal)

The Executive Engineer, Horamavu Division invites **Item Rate** tenders from eligible tenderers for the work details in the table given below. The tenderers shall be registered in BECC/CPWD/KPWD/Railways/MES/ any State or Central Govt. Organization.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	Improvements to Roads & drains at Garden Street Layout, Ramakrishna Reddy Layout, Yerrainapalya, BSV Reddy Layout, Appurao Layout cross roads, Ramamurthynagara Ward No.90. **Estimate Cost (in Lakhs): 100.00, EMD (in Rs.): 2,00,000/-**
2	Improvements to Roads & drains at Banjara Layout, Kanakagiri Omshakthi Temple Main Road and surrounding area cross roads in Horamavu Ward No. 88. **Estimate Cost (in Lakhs): 30.00, EMD (in Rs.): 60,000/-**
3	Annual Maintenance of Horamavu Agara Lake. **Estimate Cost (in Lakhs): 25.00, EMD (in Rs.): 50,000/-**

Calendar of events: (1) Tender Documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-procurement website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. (2)** Last date for submission of queries: **23.03.2026** within **11:00 a.m. (3)** Date & time for pre bid meeting: **23.03.2026** at **11:30 a.m. (4)** Last date & time for receipt of tenders: **27.03.2026** upto **4:00 p.m. (5)** Date & time for opening of Technical bid: **30.03.2026** at **4:30 p.m. (6)** Date & time for opening of Financial bid: **01.04.2026** at **4:00 p.m.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Horamavu Division, Zone-2, BECC

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

KPTCL/CGMT/CIVIL(B121)/6/2025- DGMC (E-263858) Dated 13.03.2026

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (2nd CALL)

KPTCL invites sealed tenders from experienced Caterers/ Hoteliers / agencies running canteen in Government / PSUs/Educational institutions for **"Supply of freshly prepared food in KPTCL canteen, 1st floor, Indhana Bhavana, Bengaluru (with kitchen equipment and infrastructure)"** for a period of one year (second call). Blank tender documents with full details can be obtained during office hours by paying Rs.500/- + GST 18% in person and Rs.600/- + GST 18% by post by cash or DD drawn in favour of Director (A&HR), KPTCL, Bengaluru, payable at Bengaluru. Last date for purchase of blank tender documents is on **27.03.2026 upto 15:00 hours** and Last date for submission of tender is on **30.03.2026 upto 15:00 hours.** Further, details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours. Mobile No. 9448998029.

Sd/- Chief General Manager (Tech),
Corporate Office, KPTCL,11th Floor,
Indana Bhavana, Race Cource Road, Bengaluru-560009

BENGALURU NORTH CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer, Special Division,
Amruthahalli Main Road, Byatarayanapura, Bengaluru- 560 092.

No. BNCC/EE/SD/TEND/15/2025-26 Dated: 13-03-2026

INVITATION FOR TENDERS (IFT)
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION - Two cover system (Only through GoK KPP Portal)

The Executive Engineer, Special Division, BNCC, Bengaluru on behalf the Commissioner, BNCC invites Tenders from eligible tenderers for the following works.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	**Construction of following skywalks under PPP Model on Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) based on Dynamic Duration model under Commercial Advertisement rights;** at Near Malabar Junction (H.B.R Layout, K.P.T.C.L Theme Park) Outer Ring Road, Sarvagnanagara.
2	at Hains Road, Hains Junction in ward No.78, Pulakeshinagara
3	at Charles School, Hennur Main Road, in ward No.60, Pulakeshinagara.
4	at Wheelers Road, Sindhi Colony in Ward No.78, Pulakeshinagara.

EMD : **Rs. 5.00 lakhs** for Each work. Contract Period : **9 months** for each work.

Calendar of Events: (1) RFP documents may be downloaded from KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 17-03-2026. (2)** Date of Pre-bid meeting : **26-03-2026 upto 3.30 pm at the office of Chief Engineer, Zone-1, BNCC, 2nd Floor, Amruthahalli Main Road, Byatarayanapura, Bangalore-92. (3)** Last date & time for tender queries : **26-03-2023 upto 3.00 pm. (4)** Last Date &Time for receipt of tenders: **08-04-2026 up to 4.00 pm. (5)** Date of opening of Technical bid : **09-04-2026 by 4.30 pm. (6)** Date of opening of Financial bid : **after approval of Technical bid.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or from KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Special Division, BNCC

Karnataka Neeravari Nigama Ltd.,
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer,
KNNL. M.L.B.C.C.Division No.2.
Naviluteertha-591116 TQ. Saundatti.Dist Belagavi.
Dn. e-mail: eemlbcnth@gmail.com Ph: - 08330-224500

No. MLBCC-2/DB/4701 KTR-2/E-tender/2025-26 /2653 & 2654, Dated : 12-03-2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION CALL-3
Through K.P.P. Portal system only) (Two cover system)

Electronic percentage tender through e-procurement platform is invited by the Executive Engineer, KNNL, MLBCC Division No.2, Navilutheertha, on behalf of M.D., KNNL Bangalore for taking up the following Two works from the Eligible contractors registered under KPWD .The tenderers are required to apply in two cover system (as per KTTP act 2000)
(Work Indent Numbers. 1984 & 1985)
Estimated amount Rs.400.00 Lakhs.
1. Pre Bid Meeting on 17-03-2026 @11.00 AM, 2 . Last date of receipt : 23-03-2026 up to 4.00 PM. 3. Cover –I ,Technical, Bid will be opened on 24-03-2026 at 4.30 PM, 4. Cover – II, Financial Bid will be opened on 25-03-2026 at 11.00 AM.

Further information about electronic tendering can be had from www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in and can be had from the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/-(V.K. Mudigoudar)
Executive Engineer
KNNL, MLBCC.Dn. no.2 Naviluteertha.

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-2077/KSMCA/2025-26

Government of Karnataka
Mother and Child Hospital, Shikaripura, Shivamogga District.
e-mail: amoghshikaripura@gmail.com Ph: 8296931270
No.:M.C.H.S./Development(1)/CR/02/25-26 Date: 10.03.2026

e-Tender Notice

e-Tender is invited in two document submission system as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act (KTPP) 1999 and Rules 2000, for supply of prepared Diet Food and through outsource agency, services to the posts of Nurses, Pharmacy Officer, Lab Technician, Data Entry Operator, Group D and Non-Clinical personnel to Mother and Child Hospital, Shikaripura Shivamogga District and interested Tenderers can participate.

Sl.No. 1. Tender Notice No.: DHFWS/2025-26/SE2058 **Details of Tender:** Regarding providing services to the posts of Nurses, Pharmacy Officer, Lab Technician, Data Entry Operator, Group D and Non-Clinical personnel through outsource agency to Mother and Child Hospital, Shikaripura Shivamogga District for the year 2026-27 **Period for Tender Submission:** From 11.03.2026 to 04.04.2026 up to 4.30 PM **Approx. Amount of Tender :** Rs.70 lakh**E.M.D. Details**: E.M.D. Amount of Rs. 1,40,000/- to be paid through e-procurement

Sl.No.2. Tender Notice No.: DHFWS/2025-26/IND2346 **Details of Tender:** Supply of prepared Diet Food to in-patients **Period for Tender Submission:** From 11.03.2026 to 04.04.2026 up to 4.30 PM **Approx. Amount of Tender :** Rs.90 lakh **E.M.D. Details**: E.M.D. Amount of Rs. 1,80,000/- to be paid through e-procurement

For further details contact Administrative Medical Officer, Mother and Child Hospital, Shikaripura, Shivamogga District during office hours or obtain through website (https://kppp/karnataka.gov.in)

Sd/- Administrative Medical Officer, Mother and Child Hospital, Shikaripura, Shivamogga District.

DIPR/smg/ksmca/25-26/78/03/2012

Price pressures

India must find sources of sustainable energy to curb inflation

The new series of the Consumer Price Index (CPI), the second data release of which was issued on Thursday, does not yet have enough historical data for robust comparisons, but does include enough information to provide clues about the future. Retail inflation in India quickened to a 10-month high of 3.2% in February 2026, largely driven by food inflation and precious metal prices. This rise is something that the government should take note of early, avoiding any complacency that might have crept in due to the low inflation levels of the last year or so. Food has a lower weight in the new series as compared to the old one, but is nevertheless a major driver of inflation with a 36.75% weight in the overall CPI. Inflation in food and beverages rose to 3.35% in February from 2.1% in the previous month, driven by quickening price levels in the meat, oils, and fruits and nuts categories. Notably, inflation in tomato prices stood at more than 45%. Thankfully, this was accompanied by a contraction in prices of the two other staples – onions and potatoes – by 28% and 18%, respectively. A large part of the low inflation last year was due to a statistical base effect that is now gone. Looking ahead, there are various factors that could result in rapidly rising food inflation. The first is that climate scientists are predicting the return of the El Niño effect in the middle of the monsoon this year. A weak monsoon will naturally raise food prices. The second impact will depend on how long the conflict in West Asia continues. Sustained natural gas supply constraints will hurt fertilizer production, affecting food output and, eventually, prices.

The other factor that has driven inflation up, and which will likely remain a major driver in the near future, is the price of gold and silver. Gold jewellery saw inflation rise to 48.2% in February from an already-blistering 46.8% in January. Inflation in silver jewellery stood at more than 160% in both January and February. With global uncertainty and anxiety skyrocketing, the demand for safe-haven precious metals is not going to let up any time soon. Rising oil prices and LPG and LNG shortages are already raising input prices for industry, which will eventually be passed on to consumers. The Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee has a tough job in its next meeting in April. Inflation is being driven by supply constraints, so trying to reduce demand by raising interest rates will not only have a minimal impact on inflation but could also further hurt growth when fuel constraints are already impacting it. The onus lies with the government and its efforts to expedite alternative sources of fuel.

Duty of care

The state must not evade responsibility when it pushes for vaccination

The Supreme Court of India's directive in *Rachana Gangu* to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to design a no-fault compensation scheme for serious adverse events following immunisation (AEFI) arising from India's COVID-19 vaccination campaign marks a shift from a fault-based liability system to a no-fault one in state-run public health programmes. The case arose from writ petitions filed in various courts by families claiming that their relatives had died or suffered serious injury after receiving COVID-19 vaccines. *Rachana Gangu* was over the deaths, in 2021, of two women aged 18 and 20, allegedly from vaccine-induced immune thrombotic thrombocytopenia (VITT), a rare complication of the Covishield vaccine. Affected families contended that India had no dedicated mechanism to compensate those harmed in a state-run programme. For several years, the government resisted establishing a compensation policy because it held that vaccination was voluntary, serious AEFI rates were extremely low, and aggrieved citizens could sue vaccine manufacturers in civil court – a position the Court has since rejected as being impractical for ordinary individuals. The new ruling also builds on *Jacob Puliyel* (2022), in which the Court rejected challenges to emergency vaccine approvals but emphasised the need to make AEFI data publicly available.

In 2024, a few years after scientists had established the same concern in medical literature, AstraZeneca acknowledged in a U.K. court document that Covishield could, in rare instances, cause VITT. Since most Indians were vaccinated with Covishield, the admission further undermined the government's position that links between the vaccine and certain deaths were unproven or coincidental. Despite operating one of the world's largest immunisation efforts, India has historically lacked a dedicated national vaccine injury compensation programme. Many countries, including the U.S. and the U.K., have such vaccine injury compensation programmes where claimants need not prove negligence, but only a plausible link to vaccination. Even the global COVAX facility established a no-fault mechanism for 92 low- and middle-income countries. During the pandemic, the government had reported over 1,100 deaths following vaccination across 219 crore doses administered. The Court ruled that for a welfare state, these represent individual human lives and that the absence of a formal policy left affected families in a legal vacuum. It has also been clear that its directive is not based on adjudicating whether the vaccines caused specific injuries or deaths nor does it replace all fault-based liabilities in public health. However, it sets an important precedent for future vaccination drives, including the new one for HPV, affirming the state's duty of care when endorsing medical interventions for the public good.

The fate of the Washington Consensus, once talisman

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Once upon a late-20th-century lecture circuit, the phrase "Washington Consensus" (WC) did the work of a talisman: 10 tidy policy prescriptions that promised macro stability, market-led growth, and a path out of crisis for beleaguered states. John Williamson, who coined the term in 1989, formulated its 10 commandments: fiscal discipline; reordering public spending toward pro-growth priorities; tax reform to broaden the tax base and lower rates; liberalisation of interest rates; competitive exchange rates; trade liberalisation through lowering tariffs; liberalisation of inward foreign direct investment; privatisation of state-owned enterprises; deregulation to remove barriers to entry and competition; and securing property rights. These were presented as near-universal remedies, administered by institutions in the West that watched the global macro-economy like physicians with a single, favoured prescription, summed up in the words liberalise, privatise, and deregulate. Three decades on, the prescription seems obsolete, overtaken by the onrush of global events.

Its shaping, its legacy

The Washington Consensus was never merely technocratic; it carried a political history. Adopted in moments of crisis, its reforms arrived bound up with conditionality, bargaining power, and a belief that markets, once set free, would generate growth that trickled down. The core tenets of the "consensus" emerged from the ideological crucible of Reaganomics and Thatcherite structural adjustment programmes. These principles – fiscal austerity, deregulation, privatisation, and trade liberalisation – were adopted with little critical scrutiny by the Bretton Woods Institutions (the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, or BWIs) and their regional counterparts such as the Asian Development Bank during the mid to late 1980s. Their embrace was largely a response to the debt crises and macroeconomic instability that afflicted many developing countries at the time.

Yet, the consequences of this orthodoxy were far-reaching and, in many cases, deeply destabilising. The Asian financial crisis, which erupted in Bangkok in 1997, and the global financial meltdown of 2008, were among the most visible symptoms of the Consensus's systemic flaws. Equally telling were the breakdowns of the WTO ministerial meetings in Seattle (1999) and Cancún (2003), which exposed the deepening rift between developed and developing nations – a divide the Doha Round never managed to bridge.

One of the most damaging legacies of the Consensus was its categorical rejection of industrial strategy. Promoted by the BWIs on behalf of industrialised nations, this taboo was reinforced through WTO rules on Trade-Related Investment Measures (TRIMs), intellectual property (TRIPS), and subsidies – all of which constrained the policy space for developing countries seeking to nurture domestic industries. Another pillar of WC dogma was deregulation in favour of an idealised "free market", even in contexts where market institutions were weak or non-existent – as was the case across much of Africa and the least developed countries. For decades, the IMF advanced the notion that inequality was irrelevant so long as growth occurred and would eventually "trickle down". In practice, however, Structural Adjustment Programmes proved particularly harmful to the poorest nations, which lacked even the minimal institutional foundations upon which the WC's assumptions were built.

> The Washington Consensus no longer fits a multipolar, digital and fragile world

Compounding these issues was the manner in which the WC was conceived – largely in western capitals, without meaningful consultation with the developing countries that would bear the brunt of its implementation. The results were mixed enough to invite reappraisal, even during the WC's heyday. Some countries – parts of East Asia, Pinochet's Chile – found ways to combine market openings with strong state direction and industrial strategy. Others – several Latin American cases, some post-Soviet transitions – suffered debt crises, inequality spikes and social backlash.

A loss of faith

The conditionalities imposed by the BWIs and the rigidity of WTO rules led to widespread discontent, manifesting in street protests across the Global South throughout the 1990s and beyond. The backlash against globalisation – whether from the anti-capitalist left in earlier decades or the far right after 2008, with its toxic blend of white supremacy, racism, and anti-immigration sentiment – can be traced, at least in part, to the failures of the WC and the global financial crisis it helped precipitate. Movements such as MAGA and Brexit reflect this disillusionment.

Ironically, none of the countries that successfully industrialised – neither the United States nor Japan before the Second World War, nor South Korea, Taiwan, or Singapore in the post-war era – adhered to the WC's prescriptions during their formative years. Their success was rooted in state-led strategies that prioritised industrial policy, precisely the kind of intervention the "consensus" sought to delegitimise.

The WC may have dominated the late 20th century, but its time has passed. The task now is to craft a new consensus – one that is inclusive, context-sensitive, and responsive to the realities of a multipolar, digital, and ecologically fragile world.

We must revisit the policy mix that enabled the rare post-war success stories – South Korea, Taiwan, and in its own way, China – to ascend into the ranks of advanced economies. This does not mean a wholesale return to 20th-century models, but rather a thoughtful adaptation of their core principles to contemporary challenges. Education, public health, infrastructure investment, and "infant industry" protection remain as vital today as they were then. But new imperatives – digital trade, climate resilience, and AI governance – demand fresh thinking and innovative frameworks.

We are witnessing two new trends: one, the emergence of a "post-Washington consensus" that insists on public accountability, social safety nets, and the politics of redistribution; the other, the Beijing counter-narrative, where state-led intervention, targeted industrial policy, and limited political liberalisation offer an alternative template.

If the late 20th century was the triumph of liberalisation, the mid-2020s have seen its theatrical undoing in the form of the Trump tariff tempest – sweeping, erratic and punitive. Protectionism is being brandished as an instrument of geopolitics and domestic politics alike. Supply chains are being reconfigured, not so much for efficiency but for dominance and national security. The implicit bargain that underwrote the WC – that free markets would be the engine of prosperity, and supply chains the neutral plumbing of global commerce – has been strained by a revived appetite for economic nationalism, and the wielding of sovereign power as a battle-axe rather than a shield.

Tariffs and industrial subsidies signal a re-politicisation of economic policy. They reveal that Trump's America is willing to accept short-run costs and global friction to reclaim perceived strategic advantage. If in 1990 the default was "liberalise", in 2025 the default is "what will protect our interests?"

The shattering of a myth

Has the world moved to a new consensus? Not exactly. What has emerged is less a single set of new verities and more an acceptance that policy must be politically context-sensitive. A pragmatic eclecticism now rules: fiscal prudence still matters, but so does targeted public investment; markets are powerful allocators, but they need rules, institutions, and buffers; trade is growth-enhancing, but national security can justify strategic decoupling and politics can justify tariffs.

The neat ideological narrative – liberalise, privatise, deregulate – has given way to a toolbox from which policymakers pick instruments with explicit geopolitical and distributional aims. In that messy landscape, success will come from the hard work of designing policies that fit national capacities, global constraints, and political realities.

That is not the end of globalised liberalisation; it is the end of the myth that there is a ready-made template that every nation subscribes to. The struggle to grow and prosper is still every nation's struggle. But each has to find its own path forward amid the policy mess into which all have been plunged.

The India-Canada turnaround is about deliverables

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When the Prime Minister of Canada, Mark Carney, visited India (February 27-March 2, 2026), the bilateral relationship saw a remarkable turnaround, especially in the backdrop of the no-nonsense style ties had taken under his predecessor, Justin Trudeau.

Mr. Carney's visit focused on deliverables and avoided getting bogged down by past issues. The visit also marked the culmination of bilateral efforts to put the relationship back on track, initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Kananaskis (Canada) in June 2025 and, also the bilateral meeting in Johannesburg in November 2025. Canada has shown particular pragmatism in tiding over domestic politics to curate its relationship with India carefully, skirting some of the legacy issues.

Spotlight on economic issues

Coming on the back of significant geopolitical churn, the focus on economic issues was unmissable. Canada has faced pressure from its southern neighbour, the United States, which is among its largest trade partners, due to supply chains concentrated toward Washington. U.S. President Donald Trump's tariff policy, together with unending wars in Europe, West Asia, as well as the broader Levant region, have shaken global powers with economic momentum and purpose. India and Canada perhaps fall in the same spectrum of countries which want to avoid war and focus on deliverables for their countries.

However, with global supply chains deeply interconnected, it is virtually impossible for countries to avoid some of the fallout from conflicts and realignments. India and Canada see diversification in trade, energy, investment, and security as essential.

> The Canadian Prime Minister's visit has strengthened India-Canada ties, with a focus on India's needs

The Carney visit resulted in at least eight agreements and contracts, spread over a slew of important sectors. At the top was, of course, the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), for which the terms of agreement have been signed, marking the road map and structure of negotiations.

There was another memorandum of understanding (MoU) under the Australia-Canada-India Technology and Innovation Partnership on cooperation in technology and innovation, designed to support long-term partnership in these areas and enhance Ottawa's engagements with key Indo-Pacific countries.

The focus areas

There were other agreements on augmenting research partnership, cultural exchange, and collaboration in the areas of food and nutrition. Perhaps two of the most significant agreements were the commercial contract between India's Department of Atomic Energy and Canada's Cameco for the supply of uranium ore concentrates, as well as the MoU on critical minerals cooperation.

These areas of cooperation are aligned with the current needs of India, but also a future road map in which technology and critical minerals are indispensable. First, there is a global rush to secure critical mineral supply chains, vital for technology and everyday life in the modern age. Second, supply chains for critical minerals are concentrated in the hands of a few countries, most notably China.

After China showed its ability to leverage critical mineral supply chains – most recently against the U.S. in the face of tariffs imposed by the Trump administration – other nations have recognised the need to secure their own supply chains that could be affected in times of crises. As such, the bilateral commitments on critical minerals between India and Canada are in sync with the U.S.-led Pax Silica coalition, strengthening strategic cooperation in AI and semiconductors, and which includes India among other 10-odd countries.

Energy at forefront

Among the sectors that India and Canada sought to strengthen, it was energy that took centre stage. Conventional and renewable energy are critical – Canada as a resource-rich nation, and India facing growing demand. For India, growth has to be a function of the usage of clean energy, given its sustainable development goals and zero-emission targets. The fastest way in which India can ensure energy sustainability and predictability is to reduce its reliance on external imports of energy and gradually increase homegrown production of energy. Arguably, the most efficient way to achieve this is by expanding the role of nuclear energy in India's energy mix. India's passing the Sustainable Harnessing and Advancement of Nuclear Energy for Transforming India (SHANTI) Bill, 2025 was seen as a step toward that goal. If the U.S. could be a source country for nuclear reactors, the long-term agreement with Canada for the supply of uranium ore concentrates can add predictability to fuel supply.

Overall, India's dependence on external actors for its energy sources has left it vulnerable in the new era of unending wars. Thus, the uranium deal with Canada is most apt for India in order to reduce external risks, help meet its development goals and also reach its target of achieving 100 GW nuclear power capacity by 2047.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Unbalanced resolution

The UN Security Council resolution against Iran, co-sponsored by India, is a troubling instance of selective outrage in international diplomacy (Inside pages, March 13). The resolution demands restraint from Tehran while remaining conspicuously silent on the far more destabilising actions that preceded it — including the United States-Israel military strikes and other escalatory acts. Such one-sided censure weakens the credibility of the UN system. By ignoring the chain of events that triggered the crisis, the resolution reduces a complex conflict to a simplistic attribution of blame. India's decision to co-sponsor the measure is puzzling. For decades, New Delhi has prided itself on an independent foreign policy and a consistent defence of multilateral fairness. Aligning with a resolution that overlooks the conduct of major powers risks diluting that tradition. It also clashes with India's practical interests, as the Strait of Hormuz remains a vulnerable trade chokepoint.

M. Jameel Ahmed,
Mysuru

Let wisdom prevail

Continuing tensions between Iran, the United States, and Israel are deeply worrying for the world. Any escalation that drags other nations into the conflict would only multiply human suffering and destabilise the global order. History reminds us that wars ultimately end in dialogue. Therefore, it is imperative that world leaders choose restraint, diplomacy and peace over prolonged confrontation.

Gopalaswamy J.,
Chennai

Scrutiny and trust

The signal sent by the judicial reaction to 'corruption' in the judiciary is troubling. Constitutional institutions command respect through transparency and accountability, not insulation from criticism. Selective sensitivity risks appearing as insecurity rather than strength. If the judiciary expects trust, it must demonstrate the resilience to face scrutiny, not react to it.

Rushita Avula,
Hyderabad

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Stranded foreign travellers leave a farmhouse owned by an Indian businessman that has been converted into a shelter in Ajman, near Dubai, UAE. AP

The Indians caught in the crossfire

Since February 28, when Israel and the U.S. jointly attacked Iran, plunging the entire West Asian region into war, thousands of Indian tourists and expatriates have been left stranded across the Gulf. Indian missions have struggled to keep up with requests and demands. From missile and drone strikes, to soaring prices, to communication blackouts, the conflict has left civilians vulnerable, reports **Kallol Bhattacherjee**

Priti Prakash, a travel blogger, had planned a vacation with her family to Dubai, an Instagrammable city of skyscrapers, beach adventures, and pure consumerism in the UAE, months before the war broke out in West Asia. On February 28, she arrived early at New Delhi's international airport to board an Emirates flight scheduled for that afternoon. She was excited to go to the country known as the 'land of endless possibilities'.

Soon after the flight took off, Prakash switched on the in-flight entertainment service. She noticed then that most of her co-passengers were glued not to movies, but to CNN's live coverage of the unfolding situation in the region. Israel and the U.S. had jointly attacked Iran, plunging the region into chaos.

"It was a strange feeling," says Prakash. "The war had broken out when I was busy at security check and immigration."

By the time the aircraft reached the Gulf – an important waterway that is an extension of the Indian Ocean and is bordered by eight countries, including the UAE – Prakash learned that the story had shifted from just Iran to the entire region. It appeared that in retaliation to the attacks by Israel and the U.S., which had killed the Supreme Leader of Iran, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran had hit Qatar, the UAE, and Bahrain, expanding the scope of the war. As a result, Dubai airport, the world's busiest for international travel, with a record 9.23 crore passengers passing through its terminals in 2024, had also become vulnerable. Everyone on board had started praying.

"The pilot announced that the aircraft had been instructed by flight control to stay out of Dubai's airspace," she says. "So, he kept circulating over Oman. After 30-40 minutes of flying aimlessly, we were finally allowed to land in Dubai."

The war had been long in the making. Israel and Iran have shared an acrimonious past that began immediately with the founding of the Islamic Republic in 1979. Decades of bitterness exploded in June 2025 when the two sides exchanged missiles in the so-called 12-day war. The war of 2026, however, has been unprecedented, as Iran's retaliation has followed the lines Tehran had promised during the last conflict, when it warned that any further violation of Iran's sovereignty would draw the entire region into war.

Within the first 24 hours of being attacked, Iran fired missiles and drones at all the U.S. bases located in Jordan, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, the UAE, Saudi Arabia, and Israel. The expatriate community of workers, a vast majority of them blue-collar as well as white-collar professionals from South Asia and Southeast Asia, came within the strike range of missiles and drones from Iran.

Stranded in paradise

After they landed, Prakash and her family frantically began making plans to leave Dubai as soon as possible. By then, the war had already claimed more than 200 lives. This included at least 180 children at a girls' elementary school in Minab, Iran, which had been bombed.

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> **PRITI PRAKASH**
> Traveller

Dubai, considered a human-created paradise, was filled with the sound of sirens. Anxious people spoke of their fears of falling missiles and debris. Prakash cancelled her plans of going sightseeing and spent most of her time talking to people in the hotel. But planning a way out was difficult: all the flights out had been cancelled. Dubai, an aviation hub, was brought to a standstill as all aircraft had been grounded. Like Prakash, thousands of Indians were stranded in multiple locations in the Gulf.

The UAE government responded with generosity, promising the tourists who were stranded that they would not be thrown out of their hotels. "Hotels received a general order from the government that no one should be thrown out for overstaying," says Prakash. "But when we asked the hotel, the manager told me that that order was specific only to the capital, Abu Dhabi, and did not apply to the rest of the Emirates." She says they had to pay more for the extra two days that they had to spend before returning to India.

Stretched to its limits

According to the Ministry of External Affairs, 90 lakh-1 crore Indian expatriates live and work across the six Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries – Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the UAE, Qatar, Bahrain, and Oman – constituting the largest foreign workforce in the region. The Indian government issued safety advisories for expatriate workers, but the conflict has also left many Indians travelling in the region for tourism or business, stranded.

Brijmohan Singh Raghuvanshi, a journalist with Sadhna News, was trapped in the Israeli capital, Tel Aviv. He had arrived in Israel to cover Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit just days before the war. Soon after, the outbreak of the war left him stuck in the country.

"When the Prime Minister's visit ended, we planned to stay a little longer before returning to India. Suddenly, we received emergency alerts asking us to rush to underground bunkers. It came as a surprise," says Raghuvanshi. He adds that despite being a battle-ready state, Israel was jolted this time as Iranian missiles had managed to evade Israel's famed Iron Dome, a multi-mission system capable of intercepting rockets, artillery, mortars, precision-guided munitions, aircraft, helicopters, and unmanned aerial vehicles at ranges of up to 70 kilometres.

"We were hearing the sound of missiles being intercepted in the air. At times, some of the blasts sounded like missiles hitting the ground. But no one would tell us whether these hits were causing casualties as Israel is under a state of emergency," he says. Under such conditions, he explains, it is difficult to get verifiable reports about how the war is affecting the Israeli public. Barring a few handful news outlets such as *Ha'aretz*, most of the mainstream Israeli media has been unable to provide a clear picture of the ground reality. It is foreign workers in Israel who have been posting on social media about the situation.

Police and rescue services were active on the streets, carrying out operations, but Israeli authorities released no casualty figures from the missile strikes, Raghuvanshi says.

Tired of getting no answers to any of his questions, he hired a cab and requested the driver to take him to a spot where some missiles had fallen on the second and third days of the conflict.

"The driver took me to a place where four large buildings had turned into rubble. We saw rescue services on the spot. They claimed that only one person had died. But looking at the extent of the destruction, it seemed highly unlikely that the casualty figure would be that low," he says. Raghuvanshi spoke to residents of the area, who told him that the toll was higher.

He says there was a surge in prices across Israel, which has made life harder for Indian workers and students. The prices of essentials such as water and milk have soared since the fighting began. "A bottle of water cost about 12 shekels (₹350) a few days after the war began," he says.

Ratnadeep Chakraborty, a PhD student at Tel Aviv University, who saw the war in June 2025, is experiencing the current conflict as well. He says he has observed Israel's operations during both. "The war of June 2025 appeared more intense as it was focused on Israel. This time, there have been fewer hits, but the war is much bigger as the entire region has been plunged into conflict," Chakraborty says over a call. Like Raghuvanshi, he also speaks of the burden of price rise.

The Indian population in Israel has shot up over the past few years, especially after October 7, 2023, when Hamas-led militants poured into southern Israel from Palestine, killing some 1,200 people and abducting 251. Israel reduced the number of Palestinians working in its economy. The rise of Indians is mainly because the Israeli economy is absorbing more Indian workers in the agriculture and construction sectors, where there is a demand for labour. According to the Ministry, the number of Indian blue-collar workers in Israel is around 30,000.

Raghuvanshi says the war has stretched Israel's defence capabilities. On visiting missile impact sites, he found that while Israel may have managed to restrict information about casualties under emergency rules, Israelis have also been victims of the conflict.

Living in stress

The Indian population in Iran is relatively small, concentrated mostly in Qom, Tehran, and Bandar Abbas, the biggest port of the country.

Annie Mirza, who hails from Lucknow, had got caught, along with her mother, in the 12-day missile war last year. She had gone to Iran on a pilgrimage and was in Qom when the war had started. "This year, the war is much bigger as the Rahbar [Ayatollah Khamenei] was assassinated," says Mirza, who is concerned about the wellbeing of her relatives in Kuwait, Qom, and Tehran.

Mirza spent considerable time in Iran last year before being evacuated with the help of the Indian embassy. She says the people of Iran are different from what the western mainstream media portrays. "Iranians are a proud people and they believe in a life of dignity. It is important for them to live with their heads held high," she says.

Her relatives have been unable to contact her often due to an internet outage in Iran and communication restrictions in Kuwait. Kuwait has maintained strong defence ties with the U.S. since its liberation from Iraqi occupation in 1991, but a telecommunications law that gives the government sweeping powers to block content and deny access to the Internet has made staying in touch harder.

"My cousin spoke to me over a WhatsApp call on Thursday (March 12, 2026) and she said the U.S. embassy and the military base were being bombed by Iranian drones from the morning," says Mirza. Her relatives in Kuwait City are living in stressful circumstances as drones and missiles keep hitting the U.S. base, she says.

Providing protection

While there are no reports of Indians getting hurt in the U.S.-Israeli bombing of Iran, the plight of Indian sailors in merchant navy ships and oil tankers is of concern for the Indian government.

So far, five Indians have died in Iranian drone and missile attacks on oil tankers in the Strait of Hormuz and one is missing (presumed to be dead). At least 35-40 have been injured in attacks, officials from the Ministry said, even as India continues to call for an end to strikes on civilian vessels in the region.

Ashish Kumar, who was the captain of the ship *MV SKYLIGHT,* was killed when the ship was targeted by a projectile off the coast of Oman. Kumar and another Indian sailor were initially declared missing. Subsequently, the Ministry announced that he had died in the attack. His family, in Bihar's Bettiah, was informed over email about the circumstances in which he died, but they remain unconvinced that he is no more.

"The government sent us an email saying human remains were found in the captain's cabin. We need further forensic information before believing the news," says Ashish Kumar Verma, Kumar's brother-in-law. Official sources say forensic details about the recovered human remains from the captain's cabin of the ship can be shared only after more official and legal processes are completed in Oman, which is looking into the matter.

While India continues to hold phone calls with the Iranian foreign minister, Seyed Abbas Araghchi, the real worry continues to be the sheer size of the expat Indian population that works in the region, who will face a security threat for as long as the war continues. According to officials, it is not possible to evacuate such a large number of people in a brief span of time.

Prakash says the war seems to have surprised the Indian missions in the region. "I visited the Consulate General of India in Dubai and requested for a meeting with the Consul General to get help and updates. There were 50-70 people at the gate but no one came to help. I tried to contact them on WhatsApp, email, and the helpline numbers, but there was no response," she says.

When she tried to take a photograph of the Indians waiting at the gate, an Indian official forced her to delete it, insisting that she should contact the mission again on email, she says. Despite the prolonged crisis, the expatriate Indian population has not pressed the panic button yet.

This raises the big question of how long the crisis will continue. Zikrur Rahman, former diplomat and a frequent visitor to the Gulf, feels that Iranians are ready for the long haul, while the Arab states in the Gulf are unprepared for any military confrontation with Tehran.

"This war is changing the region. The Americans, who have long provided security for the GCC countries, have proven inadequate," Rahman says. He argues that Israel's September 2025 attack in Doha, Qatar, targeting Hamas's negotiating team, made Arab states doubt the U.S.'s commitment to their security. "They realised the U.S. did not protect them. Now they are paying a heavy price to Iran for hosting U.S. bases."

By the time Indian visitors return for a desert safari next time, the region would have undergone profound security and political changes, he says.

Passengers at the New Delhi international airport after several flights were cancelled due to the conflict, on March 2. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

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₹57,381 cr. allocated to offset global headwinds

In her Budget speech on February 1, Ms. Sitharaman had stated that the government was targeting a fiscal deficit target of 4.4% of India's Gross Domestic Product.

The Finance Minister on Friday said the extra expenditure would not entail the Centre's fiscal deficit target being missed.

"I wish to reiterate that with all these extras that we are coming up with, whether it is technical supplementaries or cash supplementaries, I don't want any Member of Parliament to wonder if I will be able to reach the fiscal deficit number that I have said while placing the Budget," she said.

"The commitment given to this House, inclusive of the second supplementary demand for grants, will be within the fiscal deficit target that had been presented in this Parliament on February 1, 2026," she added.

Six U.S. crew killed in aircraft crash in Iraq

Some KC-135 missions require a navigator, and the aircraft can carry up to 37 passengers. AFP

An investigation was under way into the crash, U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM), which is responsible for American forces in West Asia, said.

"All six crew members aboard a U.S. KC-135 refueling aircraft that went down in western Iraq are now confirmed deceased," the command said in a statement on X, adding that "the loss of the aircraft was not due to hostile fire or friendly fire".

Since the start of the West Asia war, the Islamic Resistance has been claiming daily attacks on U.S. interests in Iraq and across the region, but it rarely names its targets.

'Friendly fire'

The KC-135 is at least the fourth U.S. military aircraft lost during the war, after three F-15s were shot down by friendly fire over Kuwait.

KC-135s, which have been in operation for more than 60 years, generally have a crew of three – a pilot, a copilot, and a third who operates the boom used to refuel other aircraft, according to the U.S. Air Force.

But some KC-135 missions require a navigator, and the aircraft can carry up to 37 passengers, an Air Force factsheet said.

Early in the war, – which began on February 28 – Kuwaiti forces mistakenly downed three American F-15E fighters, but all six crew members were able to eject, according to CENTCOM.

That incident occurred during combat including "attacks from Iranian aircraft, ballistic missiles, and drones," the military command said at the time.

193 INDIA bloc MPs submit notice for removal of CEC

The 10-page notice lists seven charges against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, including 'discriminatory conduct' and 'deliberate obstruction of investigation into electoral fraud'

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NEW DELHI

The rules require at least 50 MPs to sign the notice if it is moved in the Rajya Sabha and 100 if moved in the Lok Sabha. ANI

The INDIA bloc MPs on Friday submitted a notice in both the Houses of Parliament seeking the removal of Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar.

This is the first time that such a notice has been formally submitted in Parliament.

The 10-page notice lists seven charges against Mr. Kumar – ranging from "partisan and discriminatory conduct in office" to "deliberate obstruction of investigation of electoral fraud", and "mass disenfranchisement". Opposition parties have accused the CEC of aiding the ruling BJP on several occasions, particularly during the special intensive revision (SIR), which they allege is being used to benefit the ruling party. They have cited examples from West Bengal, Bihar, and other States where the SIR has been done.

The Trinamool Congress is considering releasing the transcript of its delegation's meeting with the Election Commission on February 2. After that meeting, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had told reporters that Mr. Kumar had "humiliated" the delegation.

Article 324(5) of the Constitution states: "Provided that the Chief Election Commissioner shall not be removed from his office except in like manner and on the like grounds as a Judge of the Supreme Court and the conditions of service of the Chief Election Commissioner shall not be varied to his disadvantage after his appointment."

Under the Judges (Inquiry) Act, 1968, if notices for such a motion are submitted in both Houses on the same day, no inquiry committee may be constituted unless the motion is admitted in both Houses. Once admitted, a committee must be constituted jointly by the Speaker of the Lok Sabha and the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha.

The rules require at least 50 MPs to sign the notice if it is moved in the Rajya Sabha and 100 if moved in the Lok Sabha. The Opposition's notice exceeds these requirements, with 130 signatures in the Lok Sabha and 63 in the Rajya Sabha.

According to sources, the Trinamool Congress, which spearheaded the effort, debated whether to move the notice in only one House.

"[But] Opposition members of both Houses wanted to sign the notice to register their protest against the CEC's recent actions," a senior leader said.

Parliamentary panel seeks committee on urban infrastructure

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

Citing the absence of an integrated long-term urban investment and strategy framework, a Parliamentary Standing Committee has recommended that the government constitute a High-Level Expert Committee to comprehensively assess India's urban infrastructure requirements, financing needs, governance reforms, and capacity-building imperatives up to 2047.

In its report submitted in both Houses of Parliament on Thursday, the Standing Committee on Housing and Urban Affairs has argued that the absence of such a framework may lead to fragmented planning, poor resource allocation, and financing stress in the future.

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs said in its submissions before the committee that various ongoing missions – such as AMRUT 2.0 (tap water supply and sewerage), SBM-U 2.0 (toilets and solid waste), PMAY-U 2.0 (housing), Metro Rail projects, and PM e-Bus Seva – are improving the quality of life in Indian cities, and supporting the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

The committee, however, noted that these flagship programmes remain largely scheme-driven and sector-specific.

The Ministry also referred to the 2022 report, "Cities as Engines of Growth", by NITI Aayog and Asian Development Bank (ADB), which highlights the strong correlation between urbanisation and GDP growth.

The most recent comprehensive urban infrastructure assessment was conducted by a High Powered Expert Committee (HPEC) committee in 2011, covering projections only up to 2031, and predicting that 75% of Indians will live in cities by 2030. No updated national-level evaluation exists for demands beyond 2030, the panel noted.

PM distributes land deeds to tea workers of Assam

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Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi distributes land deeds to tea garden workers in Guwahati on Friday. RITU RAJ KONWAR

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) ended years of deprivation that Assam's tea plantation workers faced under Congress rule by facilitating their land rights.

He ceremonially distributed land deeds to about 28,000 tea garden workers residing in the labour lines of major tea estates across poll-bound Assam. This is the first such initiative in the almost 200-year history of Assam tea.

The Prime Minister also released the 22nd instalment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme, transferring over ₹18,640 crore to more than 9.32 crore farmers across the country. About 19 lakh of these farmers are in Assam.

Addressing a gathering in Guwahati, Mr. Modi said that granting land rights was the BJP's way of honouring a hardworking community.

"The hard work of tea garden workers earned Assam a place on the global stage. The aroma of the tea they grow has become India's identity around the world. Today, the BJP and the NDA are giving them the respect and support they deserve," he said.

Mr. Modi also inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for development projects worth over ₹4,570 crore at Kokrajhar in the Bodoland Territorial Region, including a railway maintenance workshop. He performed the formality from Guwahati.

'Judicial overreach', says Sena (UBT) MP on SC's NCERT order

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Priyanka Chaturvedi

Shiv Sena (UBT) Rajya Sabha MP Priyanka Chaturvedi on Friday termed the Supreme Court's latest directions over a Class 8 textbook chapter referring to "corruption in judiciary" as "judicial overreach". She urged the government to ensure that all three branches of governance – the legislature, executive, and judiciary – remain equal under the law and open to scrutiny.

Speaking in the Rajya Sabha, Ms. Chaturvedi said the judiciary's initial decision to ban the chapter was understandable if it felt unfairly targeted. "But the matter did not end there. Those involved kept pushing it further, saying that if anyone criticises on social media, the Supreme Court will take action," she said.

NCERT apology

She noted that the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) had already apologised, yet the punitive directions continued. She said corruption allegations across public institutions were routinely investigated, and the judiciary should be no exception.

Lokpal asks SC to clarify on procedure for grant of sanctions

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday agreed to clarify the procedure for the Lokpal to grant sanction in corruption complaints, after the top anti-graft ombudsman was criticised by the Delhi High Court for "mutilating" the law while dealing with the cash-for-query allegations against Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra.

The Delhi High Court had set aside the Lokpal's November 12, 2025 order sanctioning a chargesheet on the basis of a CBI probe report on the allegations. The Lokpal order was based on a complaint that Ms. Moitra allegedly took cash and favours for asking Parliamentary questions to further the interests of Dubai-based businessman Darshan Hiranandani.

Ms. Moitra had argued that the sharing of Lok Sabha member portal login credentials for clerical purposes was neither prohibited nor unusual, and that she had personally finalised her own Parliamentary Questions. She had also questioned the jurisdiction of the Lokpal.

The High Court's judgment in December last year was peppered with scathing remarks about the ombudsman indulging in "a form of statutory ingenuity or re-engineering of the Lokpal Act" in the case. The judgment went on to "request" the Lokpal to consider the question of sanction in Ms. Moitra's case "strictly in accordance with the provisions" of the Lokpal and Lokayukta Act, 2013.

A Supreme Court Bench headed by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant, on Friday, halted the implementation of this "request", and issued notice to Ms. Moitra on the Lokpal's appeal.

At the hearing in the top court, senior advocate Ranjit Kumar, for the Lokpal, said that the ombudsman wanted definite clarity on the law and procedure for accordance of sanction under Section 20 of the 2013 Act.

Kuki group seeks action against killing of two men

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

An apex body of Kuki civil society organisations (CSOs) has refused to claim the bodies of two Kuki men allegedly killed by Nagas in Manipur's Kamjong district on Wednesday until the perpetrators are identified, arrested, and punished.

Announcing a "total shutdown" along the Imphal-Ukhrul Road to protest the killing from Friday, the Ukhrul district unit of the Kuki CSO Working Committee has also demanded the relocation of all Kuki villages from the Tangkhul Naga-dominated Ukhrul district to the Kuki-majority Kangpokpi district.

The committee alleged that the authorities and security forces failed to make serious efforts to locate the two men who went missing on March 11.

"The investigation should be handed over to the NIA to ensure transparency...," it said.

Nitish hints Samrat Choudhary will take over as Bihar CM

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

Nitish Kumar and Samrat Choudhary.

Amid speculation that Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary is likely to succeed Nitish Kumar as the new Chief Minister of Bihar, Mr. Kumar on Friday gave a subtle message to the people of the State that Mr. Choudhary would be his successor.

Mr. Kumar, the Janata Dal (United) national president, is set to demit office after he filed nomination papers for the upcoming Rajya Sabha election on March 16.

During the 'Samriddhi Yatra' in Saharsa, Mr. Kumar placed his hands on Mr. Choudhary's shoulders and urged the crowd to show support for his deputy. The Chief Minister also asked the public to report to Mr. Choudhary about the developmental work completed or lack thereof in Bihar.

Mr. Kumar reminded people about his accomplishments for Bihar over the last 20 years. "When Bihar develops, the country will also develop. All kinds of works are being done in Bihar. I will request everyone to raise their hands in his support. Everything would be good. I have told him to do much more work for the people," he said in a 20-minute speech.

Addressing the gathering after Mr. Kumar, Mr. Choudhary asserted that the new NDA government in the State will continue to function under the guidance of the veteran Janata Dal (United) leader.

Mr. Choudhary said: "Bihar owes a lot to Nitish Kumar..."

Opposition urges govt. to revoke MPs' suspension

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A delegation of Opposition leaders on Friday is to said to have pressed Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju to revoke the suspension of eight Lok Sabha members.

The eight MPs, including seven from the Congress, have been barred from attending the remainder of the Budget Session. The delegation urged the government to revoke the suspensions.

On Thursday, senior Opposition leaders, including Congress's K.C. Venugopal, Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam's Kanimozhi, Nationalist Congress Party's Supriya Sule, Samajwadi Party's Dharmendra Yadav and Trinamool Congress's Satandi Roy met Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla to request that the suspensions be revoked.

A senior Lok Sabha official said neither the government nor the Chair has taken a view regarding revoking the suspensions.

India roots for benefits system at pandemic agreement talks

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NEW DELHI

Group for Equity says countries sharing pathogen materials must receive fair benefits

Ahead of a crucial meeting of countries in Geneva this month where they must agree on a rule book, accompanying the so-called 'Pandemic Agreement,' India has found common cause with a coalition of developing countries – called the Group for Equity – that says developing countries that share pathogen materials and genetic sequence data must receive fair, concrete, and legally enforceable benefits in return.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) Pandemic Agreement was adopted by the World Health Assembly on May 20, 2025, and was developed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which revealed significant gaps and inequality in the world's ability to prevent and respond to health emergencies, prompting nations to take action.

The aim of the body was to draft and negotiate a WHO convention or agreement on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response, that would culminate in a legally binding international instrument. Once adopted, the next step was for an Intergovernmental Working Group (IGWG) on the Pandemic Agreement to negotiate the details of the Pathogen Access and Benefit-Sharing (PABS) system. Once adopted by the World Health Assembly, the full agreement will be open for countries to sign and ratify.

A major point being discussed is how biological samples of viruses and bacteria, among other life forms, that may be linked to epidemics or public health emergencies ought to be shared with international networks of laboratories. These need not only be the physical samples but also the genetic sequence of these life forms. Developing countries say a system of standard legally binding contracts must govern every stage of pathogen and sequence data sharing. Every entity that touches PABS materials or sequence information must sign enforceable agreements that include benefit-sharing obligations.

These benefits can mean that those who commercialise products derived from PABS materials, pay a percentage of annual revenue back into the system. Non-monetary benefits include requirements that manufacturers reserve a percentage of real-time production of pandemic products for WHO (with at least 10% donated), grant non-exclusive licences to developing country manufacturers during emergencies, and make products available at affordable or not-for-profit prices. The 'equity group' insists – their submissions show – that physical materials and digital sequence information ought to be traceable back to the originating country.

Indian-flagged LPG carrier crosses the Strait of Hormuz: tracking data

The *Shivalik*, with a cargo-carrying capacity of more than 54,000 tonnes, had departed from Ras Laffan, Qatar, on March 7 and was originally destined for the U.S.; three Indian cargo ships are located in the Gulf of Oman and 23 in the Persian Gulf

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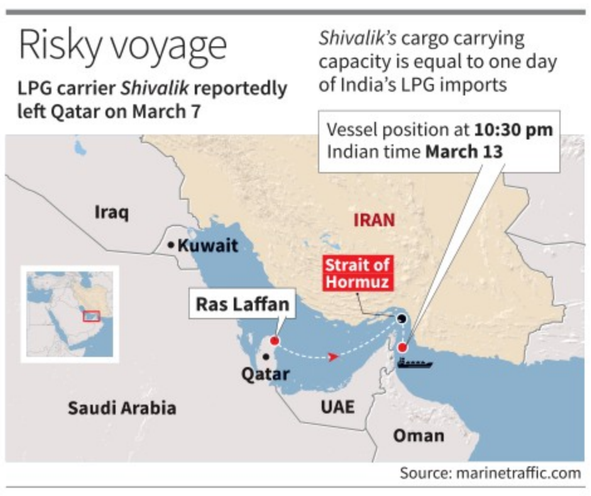
CHENNAI

The *Shivalik*, an Indian-flagged LPG carrier with a cargo-carrying capacity of more than 54,000 tonnes, has crossed the Strait of Hormuz as on Friday night, according to marinetraffic.com, an online portal that tracks merchant ships movement. As per the website, the ship had departed from Ras Laffan, Qatar, on March 7 and was originally destined for the U.S. The Indian Navy has denied reports that the *Shivalik* is being guided by naval vessels.

The LPG carrier is owned by the Shipping Corporation of India.

The *Shivalik's* 55,000 tonnes of cargo could amount to nearly one day of India's LPG imports. The *Shivalik* and the *Sahyadri*, another LPG carrier, were inducted into the SCI's fleet in August-September of 2025. The *Shivalik* was among the 24 ships that were stranded upstream of the Strait of Hormuz since the conflict started on February 28.



At a briefing on Friday, a senior government official said that of the 28 Indian-flagged ships in the Persian Gulf-Gulf of Oman region that had stopped moving with the start of the West Asia conflict on February 28, one oil tanker bound for Africa, *Jag Prakash*, had started moving.

The *Jag Prakash*, an oil products tanker with a carrying capacity of 48,000 tonnes cargo and owned by Great Eastern Shipping Company, was among the four ships stranded east of the Strait of Hormuz. This means that, unlike the *Shivalik*, it did not have to cross the strait that the newly elected Iranian Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei has said must remain closed. The *Jag Prakash* loaded at Sohar port in Oman, and its original destination was Tanzania.

Three more Indian-flagged cargo ships with 76 seafarers aboard are still located in the Gulf of Oman, while the 23 ships inside the Persian Gulf west of the Strait of Hormuz continue to remain stranded, according to officials.

Shipping industry leaders have been expecting relief and indications from the government advising ships to move at sea after Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian on March 12. But the government had said the same day that it was premature to expect Iran to allow Indian ships to cross the strait.

At a media briefing on Friday, Rajesh Kumar Sinha, Special Secretary, Shipping and Waterways Ministry, said there were 23,000 Indian nationals working in the Persian Gulf region on merchant ships, ports, and offshore vessels. The Directorate General of Shipping was in constant touch with them and all relevant stakeholders, he said. Four Indian sailors have been killed in attacks since the beginning of the war.

In the crosshairs

Crossing the volatile strait carries risks that shippers are unwilling to bear. When the conflict started, some 600 ships were reportedly stranded in the region because of fear of attacks.

Shenlong, the crude oil carrier carrying one million barrels of oil that docked in Mumbai on Wednesday, had crossed the strait on March 8. Reports have described the perilous journey it undertook to cross the strait in a region where GPS spoofing and jamming are commonly deployed as war tools. Such measures can confuse ships by giving false locations. The ship had apparently gone into "digital darkness" and used manual navigation to safely cross the strait.

When equipped with the Automatic Identification System (AIS) that identifies the vessel and can make the ship easy to track, it puts the carriers in danger of attacks, says Richard Meade, editor-in-chief of *Lloyd's List*, a maritime information journal.

"We have observed 77 transits across the Strait of Hormuz since March 1, half of whom were 'shadow fleet'. Iranian ships carrying fuels continue to cross the strait. Seventeen were 'dark transits', which means the AIS of the ship was switched off, and some of them were mainstream fleet vessels such as *Shenlong*," he said.

LPG imports an issue of 'slight concern' but no dry outs reported, says Centre

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NEW DELHI

Import of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) is a "slight issue of concern" because of the situation in West Asia, but no dry out has been reported among distributors in the country, Sujata Sharma, Joint Secretary at the Petroleum and Natural Gas Ministry, told reporters on Friday.

She also sought to assure that there was adequate stock of cooking gas, urging consumers not to engage in any panic booking.

"Since a major portion of our [LPG] imports are routed through the Strait of Hormuz, it is a slight matter of concern," she stated. "Although, none of the 25,000 distributors in the country have reported any dry out in stocks... I would urge citizens to neither fall for rumours nor engage in panic buying."

According to government data, India imports about 60% of its LPG requirements. Of this, about 90% is routed through the Strait of Hormuz. Ms. Sharma noted that production of LPG in the country has increased approximately 30% since March 5. On panic booking, Ms. Sharma noted that an average of 55.7 lakh requests for booking refills were placed per day between April 2025 and February 2026. However, the number of requests peaked at 69 lakh on March 10 and 75.7 lakh on March 12.

The Centre said there is no natural gas crunch. IMRAN NISSAR

Addressing concerns over available stocks, she told reporters that there was no shortage of natural gas and crude oil in the country. "Crude inventories are very high and in good position, our refineries are working at 100% capacity or more, they have adequate inventories and so is the LPG," she stated.

'1.5 lakh returnees'

Aseem Mahajan, Additional Secretary for Gulf, External Affairs Ministry, said 1.5 lakh Indians had returned to the country since February 28.

Randhir Jaiswal, spokesperson for the Ministry, stated that 170 Indians had crossed by land into Armenia from Iran. "Several of them have come back to India, and others would be coming back, taking commercial flights from Armenia," he said.

Elaborating on the repatriation, Mr. Jaiswal stated, "The MEA instituted an all-round control room on March 4, and till date, we have received 900 calls and 200 mails with the number progressively coming down."

"This gives an indication that there are lesser concerns considering the stranded people are coming back to India," he added.

On flight operations, Mr. Mahajan said regular non-scheduled commercial flights were operating from various airports in the UAE, with an observed improvement in the availability of flights. Additionally, 2,900 Indians have returned via flights operated by Qatar Airways with one to two flights expected daily in the next few days.

Govt. expresses concern over misinformation about ships

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CHENNAI

The Union government has expressed concern over unverified reports about vessels operating in the Persian Gulf region and the Strait of Hormuz being circulated across social media and messaging platforms.

In an advisory, the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) said the circulation of unconfirmed and speculative information was causing unnecessary anxiety and distress among seafarers and their family members.

"Responsible communication will help prevent misinformation, reduce panic among seafarers and their families, and maintain confidence within the maritime community during this sensitive period," the advisory issued a few days ago to maritime stakeholders and the seafarers' community said. It urged all maritime stakeholders, shipping companies, employee unions and individuals to exercise restraint and responsibility while sharing information related to maritime incidents or security developments in the region.

Crude oil tanker *Shenlong* reached Mumbai on Wednesday after a perilous Strait of Hormuz transit. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

It underlined the need to refrain from forwarding or publishing unverified information and ensure that only authenticated updates from official sources and competent authorities were disseminated.

"The Directorate General of Shipping continues to closely monitor the situation in coordination with relevant authorities and working together with stakeholders to ensure that only accurate and verified information reaches the seafarer community," the advisory said.

Lok Sabha disrupted as Opposition members protest over LPG issue

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Opposition parties on Friday protested inside and outside the Lok Sabha over the LPG "crisis", leading to repeated adjournments.

The Lok Sabha was adjourned almost as soon as proceedings began at 11 a.m., as the Opposition raised slogans over the alleged shortage of cooking gas cylinders. When the House reassembled at noon, the Opposition members trooped to the Well and protested against the government and the increase in the price of LPG cylinders amid the ongoing West Asia conflict.

After the laying of papers, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju criticised the Congress for the protests and targeted the Leader of the Opposition, Rahul Gandhi. He said the Congress leadership was refusing to understand the pulse of the people and warned that the public would "punish" the party if it continued to behave in such a manner.

Rising tempers: Opposition MPs protest at Parliament over the alleged LPG cylinder shortage, on Friday. ANI

"Their leader [Mr. Gandhi] is refusing to change. Now the members are also behaving like him. Their leader is indulging in drama... They think that by doing such theatrics, they will be able to draw the attention of the people. But people know them very well, that is why they have not been able to come to power," Mr. Rijiju said.

Expressing disappointment over the conduct of the Congress, the Minister said no one in the party could make Mr. Gandhi "see logic".

"Still, there is time to change, otherwise the people of the country will punish you severely," he added.

As the Opposition members continued to protest, the Chair adjourned the proceedings till 2 p.m. When the Lok Sabha reconvened, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman replied to the earlier debate on the supplementary demand for grants amid constant sloganeering by Opposition members who kept shouting, "We want LPG".

Outside Parliament, several Opposition MPs protested, demanding that the Centre present a clear road map to address the "shortage" and rising prices.

Congress leader K. C. Venugopal, who joined the protests, later said on X, "The LPG crisis is mounting day by day, and the Centre is taking no concrete steps to address this, beyond empty platitudes".

Iran calls on BRICS to play positive role in global security

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NEW DELHI

Iran has urged India, the BRICS Chair, to ensure that the grouping plays a role in supporting "global stability and security", as Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi spoke to External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar late on Thursday night.

The call between the two Ministers, the fourth conversation between them since the war began on February 28, came shortly after Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian to request Iran's support for Indian ships to pass safely through the Hormuz Strait.

Mr. Araghchi's stress on BRICS is significant as India is expected to host the Summit this year, where both Iran and the United Arab Emirates will be invited. Thus far, the grouping has made no statement on the war that enters its third week on Saturday. On Friday, Mr. Jaishankar posted a short note saying he had "another conversation" with Mr. Araghchi, and had discussed "bilateral matters as also BRICS-related issues."

"Mr. Araghchi stressed the necessity for regional and international bodies and organizations to condemn the military aggression against Iran," said an Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs readout of the conversation released by the *Mehr News Agency*. "Highlighting the importance and position of BRICS as a forum for developing multilateral cooperation, Mr. Araghchi deemed it essential for the institution to play a constructive role at the current juncture in supporting regional and global stability."

The request from Tehran for a BRICS statement to "condemn the military aggression against Iran" could prove awkward as India has thus far not criticised the U.S.-Israel strikes.

West Asia crisis chokes A.P. mango pulp trade

Consignment worth ₹300 cr. stranded at ports in West Asia, while pulp barrels worth ₹1,000 cr. are ready for shipment in Chittoor region; import of barrels, packaging bags from Europe affected

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CHITTOOR

Escalating tensions in West Asia have disrupted mango pulp export units in the Chittoor region of Andhra Pradesh, one of India's largest mango processing clusters, which caters to the global food and beverage markets.

Exporters said their West Asia-based agents had informed them that all new transactions and shipments must be suspended indefinitely due to the closure of the Strait of Hormuz.

As a result, pulp consignments worth more than ₹300 crore from the Chittoor cluster have reportedly been stranded at ports in West Asia, including Muscat, Kuwait City, and Dubai.

Barrels of mango pulp ready for exports stored at the stockpoint of a pulp industry in Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The management of a prominent pulp industry said that it had received information that parts of the port infrastructure in the region may have been damaged during the conflict.

Industry representatives said that another ₹1,000 crore worth of mango pulp barrels are currently ready for shipment at processing units across the Chittoor cluster. They expressed fear that any prolonged delay in exports could adversely affect the quality and disrupt trade commitments with overseas buyers.

The crisis has also disrupted another crucial link in the supply chain. The pulp industry depends on leak-proof aseptic barrels and packaging bags imported from Europe for storing and transporting mango pulp. Fresh imports of these packaging materials have also been affected.

K. Govardhan Bobby, South Zone Chairman of All India Food Processors' Association, told *The Hindu* that the period from February to April is particularly critical for exports. "A prolonged disruption could also have cascading effects on the upcoming mango procurement season, potentially affecting farmers who depend on the pulp factories for the sale of their Totapuri crop," Mr. Bobby said.

Cong. asks why PM is hesitant to condemn the assassination of Iran's Ayatollah Khamenei

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Friday questioned Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "hesitancy" in criticising the assassination of Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei by the United States and Israel, while endorsing India's condemnation of Iran for its attacks on other Gulf countries.

In a post on X, Congress communications chief Jairam Ramesh said Mr. Modi and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar had not condemned the U.S.-Israel action. "Ayatollah Khamenei, the constitutional head of state in Iran, was assassinated on February 28. The PM is silent. The EAM is silent. Parliament is yet to have an obituary reference," he said.

Jairam Ramesh

"India has rightly condemned Iran's attacks on Gulf states, but is quiet on the U.S.-Israeli assault on Iran in the first place. It should be remembered that Iran is a part of the BRICS+ forum, which India holds the presidency for this year," he added.

Drawing a comparison, he said the government had declared a day of state mourning and later recorded an obituary reference in Parliament after the death of Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi in a "mysterious helicopter crash in May 2024".

"A compromised PM no doubt wants to avoid antagonising his American and Israeli 'friend'," Mr. Ramesh claimed.

His remarks come after the 15-member United Nations Security Council, on March 11, adopted Resolution 2817 condemning Iran's attacks on Gulf nations and demanding that Tehran immediately halt strikes on countries including Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Qatar. The resolution was adopted with 13 votes in favour and two abstentions – Russia and China – while none voted against.

INBRIEF

India and Seychelles carry out joint military exercise

The ongoing 11th edition of the India-Seychelles Joint Military Exercise LAMITIYE-2026, being conducted at the Seychelles Defence Academy from March 10 to 22, witnessed professional exchanges and joint training aimed at strengthening defence cooperation between the two countries. The exercise marks the first tri-services edition, bringing together personnel from the Indian Army, Navy and Air Force alongside the Seychelles Defence Forces. The training focuses on enhancing interoperability in sub-conventional operations in semi-urban environments, particularly within the framework of United Nations peacekeeping missions.

CBI questions Anil Ambani's son in bank 'fraud' case

The CBI on Friday recorded the statement of businessman Anil Ambani's son Jai Anmol Ambani in connection with an alleged ₹228-crore bank fraud case. Based on a complaint, the CBI registered a case on December 6 last year against Reliance Home Finance Limited (RHFL), its then director, Mr. Jai Anmol, then chief executive officer, whole-time director Ravindra Sudhalkar, and others. It has been alleged that the loan account of RHFL was declared a non-performing asset on September 30, 2019, and was classified as a "fraud" on October 10, 2024, by Union Bank of India (erstwhile Andhra Bank). The company had taken loans amounting to ₹5,572.35 crore.

IndiGo to levy fuel charges in the range of ₹425 to ₹2,300

IndiGo will start levying fuel charges ranging from ₹425 to ₹2,300 on domestic and international flight tickets from Saturday amid the steep surge in jet fuel prices due to the West Asia crisis. The decision will affect the airfares and comes three days after Air India Group announced the introduction of such charges. For flights within the Indian subcontinent, the fuel charge will be ₹425, while for West Asia services it will be ₹900, the airline said in a statement on Friday. The fuel charge will be ₹1,800 for South East Asia, China, and Africa flights, and ₹2,300 for Europe flights. PTI

NHRC issues notice to 5 States over missing person cases

The National Human Rights Commission on Friday issued notices to the Chief Secretaries and Directors-General of Police of Bihar, Odisha, Telangana, Maharashtra, and Rajasthan, expressing concern over the growing number of missing persons reported in these States. The NHRC took cognisance of reports indicating that Bihar has recorded 12,000 to 14,000 missing persons cases annually since 2013; a significant proportion of them involving children. Reports suggest that only around two-thirds of the missing children have been traced. The NHRC has sought for steps already taken or proposed to address the increasing number of missing persons, particularly children.

Paid menstrual leave may hurt women's careers: SC

CJI distinguishes between creating a legally enforceable statutory right and a spontaneous act or policy from employers towards their women employees; court encourages voluntary initiatives

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday expressed apprehensions that a law making paid leave during menstrual pain compulsory may damage the careers of young women and deprive them of equal opportunities.

"The moment you introduce this as a law and make it a compulsory condition, you may not be able to assess the amount of damage you may do to their career. Nobody may give them big responsibilities. In judicial services, people may not assign trials to them," Chief Justice of India Surya Kant, heading a Bench comprising Justice Joymalya Bagchi, voiced doubts.

The court, at the same time, encouraged "voluntary" initiatives in this regard by States like Odisha, Karnataka, and Kerala, which give leave to students in State-run universities and institutions up to 60 days annually for menstrual pain, and private entities.

> We see from the rights' regime, but look at it also from the business model. Will an employer be happy with the competing claims from the other gender?
>
> **JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI**
> Judge, Supreme Court

Chief Justice Kant distinguished between creating a legally enforceable statutory right and a spontaneous act or policy from employers towards their women employees.

Plea seeks directions

The court was hearing a petition filed by advocate Shailendra Mani Tripathi seeking a direction to the government to enact a uniform law for paid menstrual pain leave to working women and students in consonance with their fundamental right to dignity under Article 21 of the Constitution. Mr. Tripathi said a judicial order was necessary to fill up this legal vacuum in the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961.

Mr. Tripathi said various private entities and NLIU Bhopal and MNLU Aurangabad had implemented menstrual leave policies. Punjab University has also approved and granted menstrual leave to the students.

Justice Bagchi said the court was in principle in complete agreement with the petitioner's cause, and the "cause for affirmative action was recognised". But it had to keep an eye on the "practical reality of the job market". "We see from the rights' regime, but look at it also from the business model. Will an employer be happy with the competing claims from the other gender?" Justice Bagchi asked.

Mr. Tripathi's petition had stressed the fact that India had signed and ratified the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), which recognises the need for non-discriminatory practices and for treating women with dignity.

"Countries like the United Kingdom, Wales, China, Japan, Taiwan, Indonesia, South Korea and Zambia have different policies or laws on the grant of menstrual leave," the petition had said.

Maharashtra govt. tables controversial anti-conversion Bill

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MUMBAI

The Maharashtra government introduced the Freedom of Religion Bill, 2026 during the Budget Session of the State Assembly on Friday. The Bill has stringent provisions, including imprisonment of up to 10 years and fine of up to ₹7 lakh for "forcible conversion".

The Bill prohibits "unlawful conversion" from one religion to another. "The objective is to protect the right to freedom of religion. It also aims to prohibit unlawful religious conversions carried out through coercion, fraud, inducement, or marriage," Maharashtra Minister of State for Home Pankaj Bhoyar said.

The Bill, which was cleared by the Maharashtra Cabinet in its meeting last week, was controversial even before it was tabled. Several civil society members had sought public consultation on the Bill, expressing apprehensions over curtailment of women's and minorities' rights. They had also alleged that it will encourage vigilante activism.

"Whoever contravenes provisions of Section 3 shall be punished... with imprisonment for a term of seven years and shall also be liable to fine of one lakh rupees. Whoever contravenes the provisions of Section 3 in respect of a minor or a person of unsound mind or a woman or a person belonging to the Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes shall be punished with imprisonment for a term of seven years and shall also be liable to fine of five lakh rupees...," it says.

"Whoever has been previously convicted of an offence under this Act, has again committed an offence punishable under this Act, such person or institution shall be punished with imprisonment for a term of ten years and shall also be liable to fine of seven lakh rupees," the draft of the Bill, accessed by *The Hindu*, further states.

SC steps in to save Chambal sanctuary from sand mining

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday decided to step in to save the fragile lotic ecosystem of the National Chambal Sanctuary, home and breeding spot for the critically endangered gharials or fish-eating crocodiles, situated at the trijunction of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and Uttar Pradesh, from rampant and illegal sand mining.

A Bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta took *suo motu* cognisance of media reports about the constant threat caused by sand mining.

The court said that the gharials were relocated. But, eventually, the area to which they had been shifted to by the Madhya Pradesh government had also been dug into by the sand mining mafia. The problem had become so acute that the National Green Tribunal had taken cognisance of *The Hindu's* report "Digging up the Chambal" of March 2022 and ordered to periodically monitor and control illegal mining.

A comprehensive plan submitted for the conservation of the Chambal ecology in the NGT had alerted that "sand mining is the biggest threat to the sanctuary". The report submitted before the tribunal had said that the activity was not only degrading habitat for sand nesting species, but also affecting the morphology of the river and its water-retaining properties.

"Most of the sand mining is carried out by organised mafia that confront in the form of severe aggression against the forest department. Tractor-trolleys are mainly involved in excavation of sand from the river bed and dumping it in their fields around the villages, from where it gets exported by trucks. The mafias use vehicles which do not have their registration number displayed. This prevents the forest department from capturing the true culprit. Lack of support from other law enforcing agencies further aggravates the issue," the report had detailed.

Bill to redefine 'transgender person', drop 'self-perceived' identity tabled

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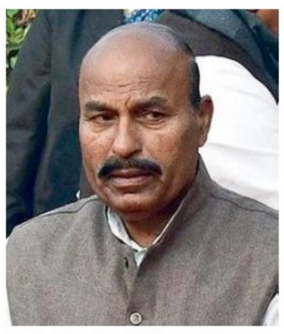
The Centre on Friday introduced a Bill to amend the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019, amid claims it takes away transgender people's "right to self-perceived gender identity" and alters the definition of a "transgender person".

The move drew condemnation from the community and activists told *The Hindu* that the proposed amendments are in variance of the landmark 2014 NALSA judgment.

Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Virendra Kumar, introduced the Bill.

The government said the "existing vague definition" of transgender persons had made it "impossible to identify the genuine oppressed persons to whom the benefits of the Act are intended to reach". It said the law was never meant to protect "each and every class of persons with various gender identities, self-perceived sex/gender identities or gender fluidities" and "was and is intended to protect only those who face severe social exclusion due to biological reasons for no fault of their own and no choice of their own."



Social Justice Minister Virendra Kumar introduced the Bill in Parliament on Friday.

Under the 2019 Act, a transgender person is one "whose gender does not match with the gender assigned to that person at birth and includes trans-man or trans-woman (whether or not such person has undergone Sex Reassignment Surgery or hormone therapy or laser therapy or such other therapy), person with intersex variations, genderqueer and person having such socio-cultural identities as kinner, hijra, aravani and jogta."

The proposed definition says transgender persons are people "having such socio-cultural identities as kinner, hijra, aravani, and jogta, or eunuch", people with intersex variations, and people who have "congenital variations" compared to the "male or female development" in their "primary sexual characteristics, external genitalia, chromosomal patterns, gonadal development, endogenous hormone production or response or such other medical conditions".

It goes on to say that any person or child who was "compelled to assume, adopt, or outwardly present a transgender identity, by mutilation, emasculation, castration, amputation, or any surgical, chemical, or hormonal procedure or otherwise" would also be included in this definition. However, it adds that this definition shall not include "persons with different sexual orientations and self-perceived sexual identities".

Activists said the community fought to ensure that the right to self-identification was codified into law when the Act was drafted in 2019.

Aqsa Shaikh, a transwoman who teaches community medicine in Delhi, expressed shock. "I am wondering who I am, if I am not a transgender person as per this amendment," she told *The Hindu*.

Tamil Nadu-based trans activist Grace Banu, a key community leader, said, "Our entire fight when the 2019 Act was being drafted was to ensure that the right to self-identification of our gender was included explicitly in the law."

The amendments introduce a Section on crimes against transgender persons and children, and prescribe specific punishments. These offences include denial of access to public spaces to trans people, forcing transgender people to perform bonded labour, or forcing them to leave their homes or places of residence.

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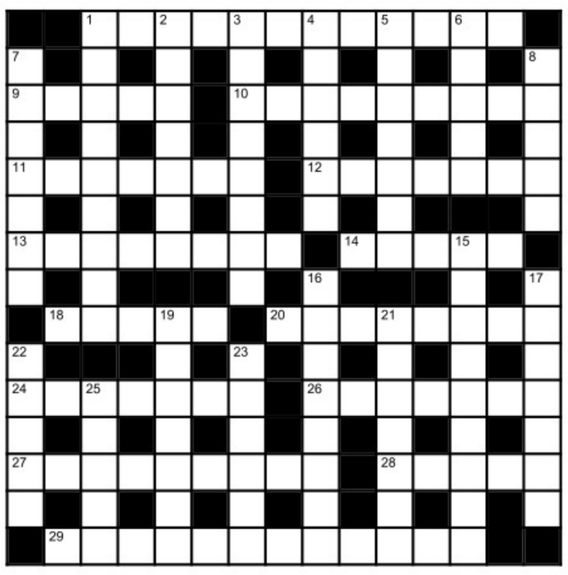

Across

1 One who found words like racecar is friend in need finally getting essential aid in violent storm (12)
9 Almost long-headed animal (5)
10 Eats crows at sea in the most negative circumstances (5-4)
11 Triumph over cheating queen, earl and king (7)
12 Deteriorate with age, in essence perhaps (7)
13 Setter on spot takes interest to fight for television (5,3)
14 Herbal treatment without tablets essentially in clinic for users (5)
18 Big boy chopping heads in compound (5)
20 Top champion after consuming heroin creates nuisance (8)
24 It disperses crowds taking drink at programs regularly (4,3)
26 Foreign figure hires assassin finally for shooting (7)
27 Female enthralled by funny swimmer (9)
28 Drink right on your toes (5)
29 Gluey door for a difficult situation to face (6,6)

Down

1 Everlasting toll includes interior upgrade (9)
2 Spooner set eyes on stolen money in case (7)
3 Place for briefing latest or most abrupt development (8)
4 Most unusual nail, right on top (6)
5 Maybe any time performance finally? Yes, no. Only daytime show (7)
6 Breaks handcuffs (5)
7 Breathe loudly and punch audibly, that's type of bid in bridge (7)
8 Frenzy in function, lady boycotting bar (5)
15 He draws plans in theocratic school sacrificing love (9)
16 The discipline that ensures family's happiness if he's gun perhaps (4,4)
17 Maybe cardinal's flat is in dirty place (7)
19 Chemical-free cigar mostly not going up in smoke (7)
21 Soldiers cycling in mysterious state (7)
22 Model wearing belt in store (5)
23 Become rigid, very upsetting sort, largely yes (6)
25 Stop blood primarily going into arterial vessel abruptly (5)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Rama sets an example for all

Nature itself is blended with discipline and dharma, and human life should be aligned with this natural order. Thiruvalluvar perceived this truth and expressed it in his immortal work, the Thirukkural. He declares that a person who leads a life of perfect conduct and virtue on earth is regarded as one among the gods in heaven (kural 50).

Lanka Sri Jayaraj said in a discourse that the Ramayana begins with Vishnu descending to earth as Rama. Rama is the embodiment of all virtues and discipline. Through his life and actions, Rama set himself as an example for all.

Life is filled with ups and downs. A person should neither become excessively elated when good things happen nor sink into deep sorrow during adverse situations. The life of Rama teaches us this noble virtue. One day, Rama was informed of his impending coronation, but the very next day, he was asked to leave for exile in the forest. Rama accepted both situations with the same calmness and composure, thereby showing the world how one should remain balanced and unaffected by life's changing circumstances. When Guha, the hunter chief, came to meet Rama in the forest, he brought honey and fish as offerings. Fish is found in the deep waters of the sea, while honey is obtained high up in the trees on the hills. Through this imagery, the great poet Kambar symbolically conveys that Guha's devotion extends from the heights of the mountains to the depths of the sea – boundless and profound. During the war, when Ravana lost his strength and weapons in battle, Rama asked Ravana to return the next day, prepared for battle, thereby displaying extraordinary compassion and adherence to the code of dharma.

INBRIEF

Amazon adds dedicated air freight capacity to Guwahati

Amazon India has added a dedicated three-flights-a-day service to Guwahati, which it claimed would make deliveries "five times faster" in the Northeast, as deliveries by road or rail to the seven States in the region will now land in the capital city first. Amazon operates 2 narrow-body freighter aircraft under its Amazon Air branding, launched in 2023. Amazon has an extensive rail and road transport network, said Abhinav Singh, V-P for India and Australia operations.

Heritage Foods opens ice cream plant near Hyderabad

Dairy company Heritage Foods on Friday announced inauguration of its ice cream manufacturing facility at Shamirpet, near Hyderabad. The 24 million litres per annum capacity facility is integral to the company's strategy to strengthen value-added dairy portfolio and cater to the rapidly growing demand for premium ice cream products. Heritage Foods' ice cream business currently generates annual revenues of around ₹100 crore.

Appellate authority confirms tax demand on Aurobindo

Aurobindo Pharma on Friday said the Principal Commissioner of Customs and Central Tax (Appeals I), Hyderabad, has confirmed orders passed by the Additional Commissioner of Central Tax, Ranga Reddy GST Commissionerate, in a case involving GST demand, interest and penalty of more than ₹155 crore. The GST demand was for ₹77,61,35,242 along with interest and also a penalty of ₹77,61,35,242. Aurobindo said it intends to file appeal in the GSTAT.

'Gas shortage choking Jindal Stainless units'

Stainless steel manufacturer says plants operating at rationalised capacity, seeks clarity from govt. on supplies to industrial consumers

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

India's biggest stainless steel manufacturer Jindal Stainless Ltd. said several processes across its plants had been adversely impacted due to shortage of industrial gases such as propane, LPG and natural gas.

The firm has also sought clarity from the government on the supplies to industrial consumers and assurances on regular supplies. "Given the constraints in fuel availability, our plants are operating at a rationalised capacity," Abhyuday Jindal, Managing Director, Jindal Stainless, said in a statement.

Unlike conventional steel industry, which largely utilises blast furnace and coke oven gases as energy sources, the stainless steel industry follows the scrap-based production route where such gases are not generated internally, he said. Additionally, the company said that disruptions in global shipping routes were resulting in vessel diversions, longer transit times, and cargo delays, which were also placing additional pressure on supply chains and margins.

Cloudy outlook: The firm has sought clarity on the allocation percentage for industrial propane/LPG and natural gas. REUTERS

In the scrap-based production route, such industrial gases are not generated internally

Stating that the government was actively prioritising fuel allocation for critical sectors, Mr. Jindal said clarity on the allocation percentage for industrial propane/LPG and natural gas, along with assurance of regular supplies, would be important for the stainless steel industry to plan and optimise operations.

"In the absence of such clarity, we foresee a cascading effect across the industry, the severity of which will depend on how quickly these issues are resolved," he added.

Benchmark indices slip 2% as crude oil prices remain high

Ashokamithran T.
MUMBAI

Benchmark indices dipped 2% due to a sustained increase in crude oil prices on Friday.

Both Nifty and Sensex declined about 2% to close at 23,151.10 and 74,563.92 respectively.

Nifty opened at 23,462.50 and touched 23,492.40 before slipping to 23,112.00 and settling at the day's close.

The decline was broad-based, with all sectoral indices falling as much as 4.8%. Nifty Metal and Nifty PSU declined the most with 4.8% and 3.7%.

Aside the increase in crude prices, the fall in indices was also triggered by the rupee hitting a fresh low of 92.3 against the U.S. dollar and foreign institutional investors (FII) selling ₹52,704 crore worth of equities in a day.

As of Friday, this was the highest selling by FIIs in a day since January 2025, when the full-month sell-off was ₹78,027 crore.

Sensex declined about 2% to close at 74,563.92.

"Market volatility is expected to persist in the near term as geopolitical tensions in West Asia continue to disrupt the energy sector and push crude oil prices higher, while uncertainty around shipping routes through the Strait of Hormuz keeps risk sentiment fragile," said Siddhartha Khemka, Head of Research, Wealth Management, Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd.

He further said that the market direction was likely to remain sensitive to developments in West Asia, movements in crude oil prices, and the trend in foreign fund flows.

Partial flight resumptions restore some gold flows from key hub Dubai

Reuters
LONDON/MUMBAI

Resumption of some flights from Dubai has allowed gold flows from the major trading hub to partially resume this week, three sources familiar with the matter told Reuters on Friday.

Deliveries of physical gold to and from Dubai - a major hub supplying Switzerland, Hong Kong and India - have been affected since the start of the U.S.-Israeli war on Iran on February 28, which triggered widespread passenger flight cancellations across the Middle East.

The traffic remains constrained, but some of the deliveries have restarted, one of the sources said. He declined to be named.

Gold travels by plane due to security and insurance issues owing to its high value-to-weight ratio.

Tracking data on FlightRadar24 showed Dubai flights at 37% of the usual traffic as of Thursday.

Rupee settles at new record low of 92.3 against U.S. dollar

Ashokamithran T.
MUMBAI

The rupee depreciated to a fresh low of 92.3 a dollar after the Iran's new Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei said that the Strait of Hormuz (SoH) would remain closed, keeping oil prices sticky at over $100 a barrel.

Rupee traders sold to hedge their holdings from further depreciation.

"Rupee was once again saved by RBI as the fall was limited to just 29 paise despite fourth continuous day of a 300 point (Today 500 points) fall in Nifty," said Anil Bhansali, Executive Director and Head of Treasury, Finrex Treasury Advisors LLP.

India is fighting hard to manage the show by sourcing oil and gas from various countries and has been successful till now with no shortage of either petrol or diesel reported, although there have been reports of some LNG shortage, he said.

The rise in prices would also affect the country's CAD as well as fiscal deficit and if the war continued for long, this would carry on next year as well, Mr. Bhansali added.

"Crude oil prices surged yesterday, with WTI rising above $97/bbl and Brent approaching $102/bbl, driven by escalating geopolitical tensions in West Asia and concerns over prolonged supply disruptions through the Strait of Hormuz. The rally followed the first public statement by Khamenei, who reiterated that keeping the Strait of Hormuz closed should remain a strategic tool to pressure the U.S. and Israel," said Kaynat Chainwala, AVP Commodity Research, Kotak Securities.

Auto sales surge in Feb., SIAM flags production, export concerns

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

Passenger vehicles (PV), two-wheelers (2W) and three-wheelers (3W) posted their highest ever wholesales in February 2026, with double digit growth, compared with February 2025, according to data released by the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) on Friday.

A total of 4.18 lakh units of PVs were sold in February 2026, a growth of 10.6%, as compared with the year-earlier period.

Three wheelers witnessed a strong growth of 29% compared with February last year, with sales of 0.75 lakh units, while two-wheeler sales grew by 35.2% over February last year, with sales of 18.71 lakh units, as per the data.

Postive sentiment

Commenting on February 2026 performance, Rajesh Menon, Director General, SIAM said, "Positive sentiments in the industry continues with [year on year] double-digit growth [across segments]."

"While the month of March has festive drivers in several parts of the country, the recent conflict in West Asia remains a concern, both from the perspective of supply chain, which could impact the manufacturing processes and exports. Industry would keep a close watch on evolving geopolitical developments," he added.

U.S. launches fresh probe into India, 59 other economies over 'forced labour'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The U.S. has launched a fresh investigation into 60 countries, including India, to look into whether these countries have failed to ban the import of goods made using forced labour, the office of the U.S. Trade Representative announced late on March 12.

The new investigation is under Section 301(b) of the Trade Act, 1974. This is the same section under which the USTR launched a different investigation on March 11 on India and 15 other nations to examine whether they use excess manufacturing capacity to export to the U.S. to the detriment of American firms.

While the first investigation was on 16 countries, the second one's scope covers 60 of the U.S.' largest trading partners.

According to the U.S. Trade Representative Jamieson Greer, the investigations will determine whether foreign governments have taken "sufficient steps" to prohibit the import of goods produced with forced labour and how the "failure to eradicate" these abhorrent practices impacts U.S. workers and businesses.

If the results of the investigation warrant it, the U.S. can use this to levy tariffs on countries it has found have failed to take sufficient steps to ban the import of goods made using forced labour.

"Despite the international consensus against forced labour, governments have failed to impose and effectively enforce measures banning goods produced with forced labour from entering their markets," Mr. Greer said. "For too long, American workers and firms have been forced to compete against foreign producers who may have an artificial cost advantage gained from the scourge of forced labour."

Sigma Advanced divests stake in Swiss firm

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Sigma Advanced Systems has completed divestment of its entire 36.52% equity stake in Extrovis AG, a Switzerland-based pharmaceutical company in a transaction that generated $15 million and providing it with additional financial flexibility to expand aerospace and defence business.

KERALA IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT
Superintending Engineer, Project Circle, Kottarakara
TENDER NOTICE

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Government of India
Ministry of Jal Shakti
Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation

VACANCY NOTICE

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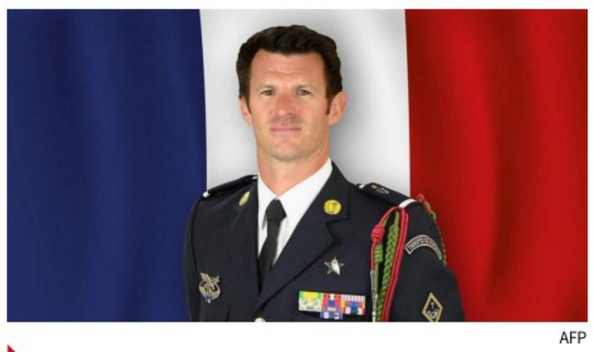
PARIS

Iran drone kills French soldier in Iraq's autonomous Kurdistan area



AFP

An Iranian drone has killed a French soldier in Iraq's autonomous Kurdistan region, his commanding officer said on Friday, after President Emmanuel Macron confirmed the first French military death in the West Asia war. Arnaud Frion, 42, was "killed by a Shahed drone strike," his commanding officer said. AFP

KABUL

Afghanistan accuses Pakistan of targeting homes in air strikes

AP

Afghanistan's Taliban regime accused Pakistan's military on Friday of targeting homes and fuel depots in overnight air strikes in Kabul and other areas of the country, saying at least six civilians were killed and more than a dozen injured, as fighting between the neighbours entered its third week. AP

HAVANA

Cuba's President confirms U.S. talks as island's energy crisis intensifies

AFP

Cuba has held talks with the U.S. government, President Miguel Díaz-Canel said on Friday, marking the first time that the Caribbean country has confirmed such speculation as it grapples with a severe energy crisis. Mr. Díaz-Canel said the talks "were aimed at finding solutions through dialogue to the bilateral differences". AP

WASHINGTON

Iran's new Supreme Leader hurt, likely disfigured, says Pete Hegseth

AP

Iran's new Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei is wounded and likely disfigured, U.S. Secretary of War Pete Hegseth said on Friday, questioning Mr. Khamenei's ability to govern after nearly two weeks of U.S. and Israeli attacks on Iran. No images have been released of Mr. Khamenei since an Israeli strike at the start of the war. REUTERS

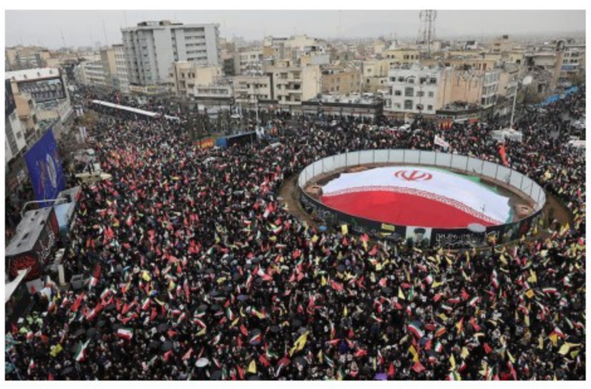
Blast rocks Tehran as Iranians take out rally calling for 'Israel's demise'

Senior Iranian officials, including Pezeshkian, Larijani and Araghchi, attend the rally despite looming threat; Israel reports striking over 200 targets in Iran in 24 hours; IRGC warns of a stronger crackdown on anti-govt. protests than in January

Associated Press
DUBAI

A large explosion rocked an area of Iran's capital where thousands were gathered on Friday for an annual state-organised rally to support the Palestinians and call for Israel's demise. Israel had warned that it would target the area in central Tehran.

There were no immediate reports of casualties. But the decision to proceed with the mass demonstration that was attended by some senior government officials, and Israel's threat to target the area, underscored the fierce determination on both sides nearly two weeks into a war that has rattled the global economy and shows no sign of letting up.



Iranians take part in a protest marking the annual al-Quds Day, amid the U.S.-Israeli conflict with Iran, in Tehran on Friday. REUTERS

Iran has continued to launch widespread missile and drone attacks on Israel and neighbouring Gulf states. Smoke could be seen rising from two locations around Israel's Tel Aviv, after blasts were heard following air raid sirens and a warning that missiles were fired from Iran. Iran's Revolutionary Guards earlier said they had launched missiles and drones at Israel in coordination with Hezbollah.

The explosion in Tehran rocked the Ferdowsi Square area midday, where thousands had gathered for an annual Quds Day rally in which they chanted "death to Israel" and "death to America".

Senior security official Ali Larijani told Iranian media covering the rally that the suspected Israeli attack was a "sign of its desperation".

President Masoud Pezeshkian, Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi, judiciary chief Gholam Hossein Mohseni Ejei and national police chief Ahmad-Reza Radan also attended the rally.

Israel had earlier announced another wave of strikes in Iran targeting infrastructure, and said its air force had hit more than 200 targets in the last 24 hours, including missile launchers, defence systems and weapons production sites.

IRGC warned that any new anti-government protests would be met with a stronger response than in January.

Meanwhile, the U.S. State Department offered a $10-million reward for information about Mojtaba Khamenei and other top officials. In an interview with *Fox News*, U.S. President Donald Trump said the war would end "when I feel it in my bones".

U.S. grants waiver to other nations to buy Russian oil

Press Trust of India
WASHINGTON

Amid rising oil prices, the Trump administration has announced a temporary authorisation to other countries to purchase Russian oil currently stranded at sea, as there were no immediate signs of an early end to the United States' war on Iran.

The U.S. had granted a similar waiver from sanctions to India to buy Russian oil as part of efforts to cool down oil prices that have been on the rise since the outbreak of war on February 28.

"@POTUS is taking decisive steps to promote stability in global energy markets and working to keep prices low as we address the threat and instability posed by the terrorist Iranian regime," U.S. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said in a post on X on Thursday.

The narrowly tailored, short-term measure applies only to oil already in transit, says U.S. Treasury Secretary. REUTERS

On March 5, the U.S. had issued a 30-day waiver allowing India to buy Russian oil, having previously imposed heavy sanctions related to the war in Ukraine.

"To increase the global reach of existing supply, @USTreasury is providing a temporary authorisation to permit countries to purchase Russian oil currently stranded at sea," Mr. Bessent said.

He said this narrowly tailored, short-term measure applies only to oil already in transit and will not provide significant financial benefit to the Russian government, which derives the majority of its energy revenue from taxes assessed at the point of extraction.

Amid war, U.S. President Trump pushes for SIR-type electoral overhaul

NEWS ANALYSIS

Varghese K. George

With the country locked in an unpopular conflict that may drag on for a long time, U.S. President Donald J. Trump is pushing hard to rewrite the rules of the American electoral system before the November midterm elections. A Bill passed by the U.S. House of Representatives and stuck in the Senate proposes a nationwide requirement for each voter to provide documentary proof of citizenship. The proposed measures closely resemble the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) currently under way in India, and Mr. Trump believes that a sweeping overhaul of the electoral laws will ensure Republican dominance for a "long time".

It will "guarantee the midterms" for the Republican Party, which could otherwise face serious setbacks, he told lawmakers on March 9. "...you will win the midterms and you will win every election for a long time," he said. "I'm not going to sign anything until this is approved," he added, even as the Republican leader in the Senate, John Thune, remains reluctant to bend legislative procedure to pass the Bill that the Democrats have blocked.

Unpopular war

The entire House of Representatives and one-third of the Senate is elected every two years in November. Opinion polls show both Mr. Trump and the Republican Party with more people disapproving than approving. The Iran war is opposed by 53% of Americans, with only 40% supporting the military action, according to a Quinnipiac University poll conducted over March 7-8. Republicans back the war decisively at 85%, but the general public is firmly against it. Republicans currently hold a majority in the Senate, 53-47, and 219 seats against the Democrats' 213 in the House.

The Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act – the SAVE Act – was passed by the House in February and is now before the Senate.

Senate Majority Leader John Thune has ruled out the use of the 'nuclear option' – a change in legislative procedure to bypass the requirement of 60 votes to end debate and move to a vote. The prolonging of debate, or filibuster, is an instrument that many Republican Senators are unwilling to surrender. Mr. Trump wants them to do so and pass the Bill by a simple majority.

Donald Trump believes that a sweeping overhaul of the electoral laws will ensure Republican dominance. GETTY IMAGES

Mr. Trump has said he wants to "nationalise" the U.S. electoral process, which is currently a federalised system in which the Constitution grants each State its own methods. "...but Congress may at any time by law make or alter such regulations," the Constitution provides. The President is pressing Republicans to use their legislative majority to establish a national standard for the electoral process.

There is no ambiguity in existing law that only U.S. citizens may register and vote, but documentary proof of citizenship is not required in most States. Voters must prove their identity, residency and age, and most voter registrations are processed through motor vehicle bureau transactions. Online registration portals and special enrollment drives are also available. There is a presumption of citizenship – as is the case in India – though in recent years, corresponding to the rise of America First nationalism, several Republican-controlled States have introduced new rules, restricting voter registration and voting. The proposed federal law requires voters to provide documentary proof of citizenship at the time of voter registration and a photo ID at the time of voting.

The proposed law lists an enhanced driver's licence indicating citizenship, a valid U.S. passport, or any other valid government-issued photo ID together with evidence of birth as a U.S. citizen or naturalisation, as acceptable proof of citizenship for voter registration. Military IDs without accompanying documentation such as a birth certificate would not suffice.

Each State would be required to submit its voter registration list to the Department of Homeland Security for comparison against the agency's database. All this would have the effect of moving the U.S. towards a more centralised electoral administration. In 2025, Mr. Trump had attempted to enforce a documentation requirement through an executive order, but the judiciary blocked the move.

Burden on voters

Democrats have said they will not allow the Bill to pass the Senate. Voting rights campaigners and civil society organisations have cited various studies arguing that such a documentation burden will disenfranchise millions and disproportionately affect members of minority communities. One survey suggests that one in ten eligible voters may not be able to produce a document such as a birth certificate, passport or naturalisation certificate. An estimated 69 million American women and four million men do not have a birth certificate that matches their current legal name – 84% of women who marry change their surname. Changes in location and name may be one reason why India's SIR is also seeing a disproportionate number of women excluded from the roll.

Mr. Trump believes the Democrats are deliberately enrolling non-citizens to vote and that there is a conspiracy to alter the demographic composition of the U.S. He considers voter restriction essential to counter this.

Israel expands strikes on Lebanon; bridge over Litani river hit

Agence France-Presse
BEIRUT

Israel expanded its strikes in Lebanon on Friday, targeting multiple areas including a bridge over the Litani river that it said Hezbollah had been using as a passageway for its fighters.

The raids came after Israel threatened to also carry out a ground operation to disarm Hezbollah if the Lebanese government does not do so.

The Lebanon-based militant group launched new attacks against Israeli forces Friday on the 14th day of the West Asia war.

Israel targeted a bridge over the Litani River between the towns of Zrariyeh and Tayr Falsay, according to state media. The river divides southern Lebanon in two.

The attack is the first on Lebanese civilian infrastructure to be acknowledged by Israel since new fighting erupted with Hezbollah following U.S. and Israeli strikes on Iran.

Israel also said it struck Hezbollah "command centres" in several strikes.

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LOVE FOR SPORT

It was very difficult and we played purely for the passion: Diana Edulji

EMMANUAL YOGINI

Fifty years is a long time. Our journey has been a long one. It was very difficult playing in those days. People would say women shouldn't play and that they belonged in the kitchen. But we survived all that. We played purely for the passion. We even paid our own expenses to travel abroad and represent India — Diana Edulji.

BIG PUSH

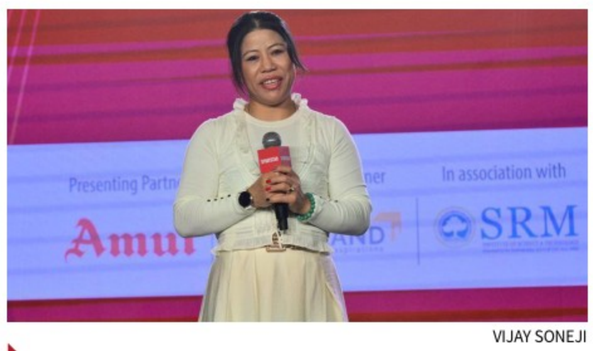
Recognition motivates us to do even better in the future: Rani

EMMANUAL YOGINI

An athlete is always an athlete. Recognition like this motivates us to do even better in the future. My journey was not simple. As a seven-year-old girl, in those days and in that society, saying that I wanted to play hockey was the biggest challenge. But when I look back today, those challenges were worth it — Rani Rampal.

TOUGH, TOUGHER

Being a mother a bigger challenge than being a boxer: Mary Kom



VIJAY SONEJI

It has been almost three years since I last competed in any competition because of the age limit in women's boxing. I wanted to continue for as long as I could, but unfortunately, the age restriction meant I could not compete during this period. But, being a mother is a bigger challenge than being a boxer — M.C. Mary Kom

MIRABAI'S TAKE

'I keep thinking about what I can do to better Indian weightlifting'

R.V. MOORTHY

I can lift weights very easily, but living up to expectations is hard for anyone. I always keep thinking about what I can do to better Indian weightlifting. I thank everyone for always supporting me. We are here because of you. Whatever you dream, we are here to realise it — Mirabai Chanu.

Women cricketers steal the show on Aces night

Double delight for shooting prodigy Suruchi as she shares the Sportswoman of the Year honour with weightlifter Mirabai, and also claims the Young Achiever of the Year (Girl) award

ACES AWARDS

Sports Bureau
MUMBAI

The eighth edition of the *Sportstar* Aces Awards was held at the Taj Mahal Palace hotel here on Friday, celebrating the athletes, teams and defining moments that shaped the past year in Indian sport.

If the evening had a unifying thread, it was the journey of women's cricket in India and the generations that carried it forward.

Ten former captains of the national side – Diana Edulji, Shubhangi Kulkarni, Sudha Shah, Nilima Jogalekar, Sandhya Agarwal, Pramila Bhat, Purnima Rau, Chanderkanta Kaul, Anju Jain and Jhulan Goswami – were honoured.

Galaxy of stars: The award winners in the various categories and jury members strike a pose after the celebration of sporting excellence. R.V. MOORTHY

Unprecedented heights

Their felicitation came at a moment when the women's game in India has reached unprecedented heights.

The national team captured its maiden ODI World Cup title last November, while India soon added another landmark by winning the inaugural Blind Women's T20 World Cup.

Reflecting on the journey of women's sport in India, Nirmala Lakshman, Chairperson of *The Hindu* Group, paid tribute to the pioneers who laid the foundation for the present generation.

"Long before the spotlight arrived, pioneers like P.T. Usha, Karnam Malleswari, Diana Edulji and Shantha Rangaswamy carried the dreams of Indian women's sport on their shoulders," she said. "They competed for India in an era with limited infrastructure, little recognition and almost no financial support. Yet they persevered, driven purely by passion and pride."

She added that their courage created the pathway for the progress visible today, noting that *Sportstar* too has sought to honour that spirit through its work.

"For 48 years, *Sportstar* has carried forward that legacy in the world of sport, celebrating not just victories but the spirit, sacrifice and perseverance that define great athletes."

Union of past & present

Sportstar editor Ayon Sengupta said the awards evening was as much about remembering those who built the foundations of Indian sport as it was about celebrating its present champions. "At *Sportstar*, we have been fortunate to chronicle the journey of Indian sport and of Indian women in sport since 1978," he said. "Many of these pioneers have appeared in our pages, on our covers and in the iconic centre spreads that generations of sports fans have grown up with."

Two stalwarts of Indian sport were recognised with Lifetime Achievement honours during the evening.

Former India Test captain Nari Contractor was celebrated for a career defined by skill, leadership and remarkable resilience, while hurdler M.D. Valsamma was honoured for her lasting contribution to Indian athletics.

Contractor's moment on stage proved particularly emotional. The award was presented by Sunil Gavaskar, who spoke movingly about how Contractor had inspired him early in his career.

As Gavaskar recalled those memories, his voice briefly faltered, drawing a warm response from the audience. Contractor received a standing ovation.

Australian great Glenn McGrath was honoured with the International Icon Award, presented by *Sportstar* Aces Awards jury chair Gavaskar, in recognition of a career that helped define an era of fast bowling.

One to cherish

Shooting prodigy Suruchi Singh enjoyed a memorable evening, completing a double. She was named Sportswoman of the Year (Olympic Sports), sharing the honour with Olympic weightlifting medallist Mirabai Chanu, and also claimed the Young Achiever of the Year (Girl) award.

Deepti Sharma was named Sportswoman of the Year in Team Sports, recognising her influence in India's World Cup triumph.

Among the evening's most celebrated figures were boxing legend Mary Kom and Olympic wrestling medallist Sakshi Malik, who received the Ace of Aces award for their enduring impact on Indian sport.

The Award of Excellence recognised three athletes: Woman Grandmaster Tania Sachdev, table tennis star Manika Batra and former Indian women's hockey captain Rani Rampal, each of whom has played a vital role in raising the global profile of Indian sport. Long jumper Murali Sreeshankar won the Comeback of the Year award, while GMR Sports received the award for Best Corporate for the Promotion of Sport.

IndianOil Corporation Ltd. was recognised as the Best PSU for the Promotion of Sport, the International Institute of Sports & Management was named Best Educational Institution for the Promotion of Sport, and Project Nanhi Kali received the Sports for Social Good award while Bihar won the Best State for Promotion of Sport.

Contractor and Valsamma honoured with Lifetime Achievement Awards

Lauding the legends: A proud Contractor and Valsamma with their trophies and special gifts in the presence of cricketing greats Gavaskar and Diana and the MD of Amul, Jayen Mehta. VIJAY SONEJI, EMMANUAL YOGINI

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MUMBAI

Former India captain Nari Contractor was honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award (Male) at the *Sportstar* Aces Awards 2026 on Friday, an evening that celebrated not only a distinguished career but also one of Indian cricket's most enduring stories of courage.

As Contractor walked on stage to receive the honour from Sunil Gavaskar and Jayen Mehta the packed ballroom rose for a rapturous standing ovation.

Nariman Jamshedji 'Nari' Contractor was one of India's finest opening batters of the late 1950s and early 1960s. A stylish left-hander with compact technique and immense resolve, he made his Test debut in 1955 and went on to play 31 Tests, scoring 1,611 runs. In 1961, aged just 26, Contractor became India's youngest Test captain at the time.

Under his leadership, India secured a historic series victory over England in 1961-62, a landmark moment in the country's cricketing journey.

Yet Contractor's career is remembered as much for his bravery as for his runs. During India's tour of the West Indies in 1962, he suffered a life-threatening injury after being struck on the head by a bouncer from fast bowler Charlie Griffith. The blow fractured his skull and required multiple surgeries. Contractor survived after receiving several blood transfusions, including one from West Indies captain Frank Worrell.

Even after such trauma, Contractor returned to the game he loved, resuming domestic cricket and building a fine First Class career. Across 138 matches, he scored 8,611 runs at an average close to 40, including 22 centuries. For Gavaskar, presenting the award carried deep personal meaning. "For me it is an incredible honour to be able to present this award to Nari *bhai*," Gavaskar said, his voice thick with emotion.

Earlier, former Indian hurdler M.D. Valsamma was honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award (Female), recognising her pioneering role in Indian athletics. The Kannur-born athlete emerged as one of India's leading track and field competitors in the late 1970s and 1980s. She created history at the 1982 Asian Games in New Delhi, winning the gold medal with a time of 58.47 seconds that set both Asian and national records.

(The 2026 Sportstar Aces Awards are presented by Amul, co-presented by Casagrand in association with SRM Institute of Science and Technology. SBI, Christ University, Bharat Petroleum, LIC, Sports Authority of Telangana, NTPC, Next IAS, Indian Softball Cricket Foundation, Jaquar And Co. Pvt. Ltd. are associate partners. Reva University is the education partner. Blue Star is the cooling partner while Times Now is the telecast partner).

Sportstar Aces Awards Winners 2026

JURY AWARDS

- Sportsman Of The Year (Olympic Sports): **Samrat Rana**
- Sportswoman Of The Year (Olympic Sports): **Mirabai Chanu, Suruchi Singh**
- Sportsman Of The Year (Non-Olympic Sports): **R. Praggnanandhaa**
- Sportswoman Of The Year (Non-Olympic Sports): **Jyothi Surekha**
- Sportsman Of The Year (Team Sports): **Shubman Gill**
- Sportswoman Of The Year (Team Sports): **Deepti Sharma**
- Sportsman Of The Year (Para Sports): **Harvinder Singh**
- Sportswoman Of The Year (Para Sports): **Sheetal Devi**
- Special Jury Recognition: **Preethi Pal**
- Coach Of The Year: **Amol Muzumdar, Naval Singh**

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- Mentor Of The Roots: **Pritam Siwach**
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- Best PSU For Promotion Of Sport: **IndianOil Corporation Ltd.**
- Best Educational Institution For Promotion Of Sport: **International Institute of Sports & Management**
- Best State For Promotion Of Sport: **Bihar**
- Sports For Social Good: **Project Nanhi Kali**
- Lifetime Achievement Award (Male): **Nari Contractor**
- Lifetime Achievement Award (Female): **M.D. Valsamma**
- Young Achiever Of The Year (Boy): **Jonathan Gavin Antony**
- Young Achiever Of The Year (Girl): **Suruchi Singh**
- Captain Of The Year: **Harmanpreet Kaur**
- Special Recognition Award: **Indian Blind Women's Cricket Team**
- Award Of Excellence: **Tania Sachdev, Manika Batra and Rani Rampal**
- Ace Of Aces: **Sakshi Malik, M.C. Mary Kom**
- International Icon: **Glenn McGrath**
- Comeback Of The Year: **Murali Sreeshankar**

POPULAR CHOICE AWARDS

- Sportstar Of The Year (Male): Mohammed Siraj

- Sportstar Of The Year (Female): Smriti Mandhana

- National Team Of The Year: Indian Women's Cricket Team

- Club/State Team Of The Year: Vidarbha

- Moment Of The Year: Harmanpreet Kaur's last catch in the 2025 World Cup final

Former India skippers recognised for their role in shaping women's cricket

Diana, Shubhangi, Sudha, Nilima, Sandhya, Pramila, Purnima, Chanderkanta, Anju and Jhulan get the *Sportstar*-Casagrand Standard Award

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Ten former captains of the Indian women's cricket team – Diana Edulji, Shubhangi Kulkarni, Sudha Shah, Nilima Jogalekar, Sandhya Agarwal, Pramila Bhat, Purnima Rau, Chanderkanta Kaul, Anju Jain and Jhulan Goswami – were honoured with the *Sportstar*-Casagrand Standard Award at the *Sportstar* Aces Awards 2026, held at the Taj Mahal Palace in Mumbai on Friday, in recognition of their collective role in shaping the journey of the women's game in India.

The award was presented by Nirmala Lakshman, Chairperson of *The Hindu* Group, and Sumanth Krishna, Director of Casagrand.

For those who played in those early years, passion often had to compensate for the absence of support. "Fifty years is a long time. Our journey has been a long one, and it was very difficult playing in those days," said former captain Diana Edulji.

"People would say women shouldn't play and that they belonged in the kitchen. But we survived all that. We played purely for the passion. We even paid our own expenses to travel abroad and represent India. Today, it's a completely different ball game."

Recognising excellence: Former India captains with *The Hindu*'s chairperson Nirmala Lakshman and Casagrand's Sumanth Krishna. EMMANUAL YOGINI

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For decades, the team competed largely outside the national spotlight. That began to change in 2005 when India reached the Women's World Cup final in South Africa.

Structural shift

The subsequent integration of women's cricket into the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) brought a significant structural shift, improving facilities, funding and administrative support.

Yet the moment that truly altered the sport's trajectory arrived in 2017. India's run to the final of the 2017 Women's World Cup at Lord's captured the imagination of a nation. It was the first Women's World Cup in which every match was available either on television or via live streaming, and the final was played before a sold-out crowd.

For former captain Sudha Shah, the contrast with earlier decades could hardly be sharper.

"When we started playing cricket, spectators often came out of curiosity just to see whether women could actually play," she recalled.

"None of our matches were televised, and we were lucky if we found a small corner in the newspaper. There was simply no visibility. Today, these cricketers are household names, and it's wonderful to see."

The rise of the modern Indian women's team has been built on the foundation laid by those earlier generations.

For Jhulan Goswami, one of the greatest fast bowlers the game has produced, the journey began with inspiration drawn from legends. "When I started playing, I used to watch Kapil Dev, Glenn McGrath and Wasim Akram," she said.

The launch of the Women's Premier League in 2023 further expanded the sport's reach and commercial value. That progress reached a historic peak in 2025 when India lifted its maiden ICC Women's World Cup title.

The current Indian team was also recognised with the National Team of the Year award for that landmark triumph. The award was accepted by Deepti Sharma and Sneh Rana, alongside national team bowling coach Aavishkar Salvi, from former captains Shubhangi and Nilima, in the presence of Parveen Chander Kumar (senior vice-president - Taj Group of Hotels). "We enjoyed the journey a lot," Deepti said. "We kept believing that the deeper we went into the tournament, the closer we would get to having a real chance of winning."

Sneh Rana emphasised the team's preparation and belief. "The belief within the group was very strong. We started planning everything almost six months in advance. Even after losses, we never lost that belief".

Women power

Worthy winners: Cricketer Deepti, shooter Suruchi, archer Jyothi Surekha and former India hockey captain Pritam receiving their awards. EMMANUAL YOGINI, VIJAY SONEJI, R.V. MOORTHY

Accolades galore

It was a special night for *(clockwise from top)* Project Nanhi Kali, Murali Sreeshankar, Mirabai Chanu, Nilesh Kulkarni (IISM), Avishkar Salvi (Coach of the year on behalf of Muzumdar), IndianOil Corporation Ltd., GMR Sports, Vidarbha and Samrat. EMMANUAL YOGINI, R.V. MOORTHY & VIJAY SONEJI

McGrath recalls his duels with Tendulkar

Sports Bureau
MUMBAI

Few bowlers embodied the edge of the India-Australia rivalry at the turn of the century quite like Glenn McGrath. His contests with Sachin Tendulkar were among the defining duels of that period, battles shaped as much by calculation and patience as by pace and precision.

One of the more curious episodes in that long rivalry unfolded during the 1999 Test at Adelaide Oval.

Tendulkar had only just arrived at the crease when McGrath decided to test him with the short ball. What followed became one of the stranger dismissals the two would produce across years of competition.

"I think Sachin had faced about four balls," McGrath recalled in a free-wheeling chat with Suresh Balakrishna, Chief Revenue Officer of The Hindu Group, and Sunil Gavaskar, who presented him with the International Icon award at the *Sportstar* Aces Awards in Taj Mahal Palace on Friday. "I thought it was time to give him a bouncer. He saw it was short and ducked, turning side-on and crouching low."

The ball, however, did not behave as expected.

"The ball didn't bounce as much as expected and hit him on the shoulder. From where I was standing I could see the bails over the top of his head. I thought the ball was hitting the stumps."

Umpire Daryl Harper raised his finger.

Even now, McGrath says the debate around that moment has never quite ended.

"Sachin and I have discussed it for years. He reckons the ball was going over the stumps by a foot and a half. I thought it was hitting. Recently we did a TV commercial together and the whole point of it was that Sachin thinks I need to get my eyes checked. He still believes it wasn't out."

If Adelaide carried a hint of oddity, the memory of the 2001 Test at Eden Gardens is one McGrath now recounts with a touch of humour.

"I don't really remember that match," he said, laughing.

At the time, the Australian side led by Steve Waugh appeared firmly in control. Having already won the first Test in Mumbai by 10 wickets, it enforced the follow-on after dominating the opening three days in Kolkata.

Big prize: Glenn McGrath receiving the International Icon award from Jayen Mehta as Sunil Gavaskar applauds. R.V. MOORTHY

Mary Kom and Sakshi bag Ace of Aces award

Sports Bureau
MUMBAI

Indian sporting icons Mary Kom and Sakshi Malik were honoured with the Ace of Aces Award at the *Sportstar* Aces Awards 2026 on Friday, a tribute to two athletes whose journeys have reshaped the possibilities for women in Indian sport.

Few athletes in the country have embodied resilience and longevity quite like Mary Kom.

Across two decades, the boxer from Manipur built one of the most remarkable careers in the history of the sport, becoming the first woman to win six world titles at the AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships.

Her decorated career includes a bronze medal at the 2012 Summer Olympics, five Asian Championship titles and a historic gold at the 2014 Asian Games, the first by an Indian woman boxer.

If Mary's story is one of sustained excellence, Sakshi's is etched in the memory of Indian sport for one unforgettable night in Rio 2016.

"That match (bronze-medal match) is something I will never forget. In the last seven or eight seconds, I was trailing, and that final move earned me the medal.

"I couldn't believe it. It was a mix of emotions. That medal was very special," said Sakshi.

Tribute to a stalwart: Mary Kom receives the award from Somaya, *Sportstar* Aces Awards jury member, and Diptakirti Chaudhuri, Chief Marketing Officer, Casagrand. VIJAY SONEJI

Huge honour: Sakshi receiving the award from Jhulan and Saumitra. P. Srivastava, Director, Marketing, IndianOil. VIJAY SONEJI

Celebrating a historic triumph

Proud occasion: Bowling coach Aavishkar Salvi along with World Cup-winning team members Sneh Rana and Deepti Sharma receive the National Team of the Year award from former India captains Shubhangi Kulkarni and Nilima Jogalekar in the presence of Praveen Chandra, senior vice-president, Taj Group of Hotels. EMMANUAL YOGINI

INBRIEF

Knight Riders sign deal with Zimbabwe pacer Muzarabani

Kolkata Knight Riders on Friday signed Zimbabwe fast bowler Blessing Muzarabani for the upcoming edition of the Indian Premier League. Earlier, Knight Riders had released left-arm pacer Mustafizur Rahman, who had been picked at the auction for ₹9.2 crore. Known for extracting good bounce, Muzarabani has proven his worth in the shortest format across the globe. The 29-year-old, who has bagged 106 wickets in 89 T20Is at an average of 21.34, is expected to join the KKR squad on Tuesday.

Royals to begin pre-season camp in Jaipur on Tuesday

Rajasthan Royals will begin its pre-season camp for IPL 2026 in Jaipur on Tuesday. The Royals squad will assemble at the Pink City, kicking off the camp with training, fitness and nets sessions at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium.

AIFF condoles death of former general secretary Kushal Das

The All India Football Federation (AIFF) condoled the passing of former AIFF general secretary Kushal Das, who served the federation from 2010 to 2022. Das passed away on Friday at the age of 66. He is survived by his wife and two sons. Das also served as the chief financial officer of the International Cricket Council (ICC).

Pritika's brace helps India beat Myanmar in u-17 friendly

Pritika Barman struck a brace as the India u-17 women's team defeated Myanmar 2-0 in the first of two international friendly matches at the Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon on Thursday. The friendlies are part of India's preparation for the AFC u-17 Women's Asian Cup, scheduled to be held in Suzhou, China, from May 1 to May 17.

Gilgeous-Alexander breaks Chamberlain's NBA record

Shai Gilgeous-Alexander broke the NBA record for consecutive 20-point games, recording his 127th in a row in an Oklahoma City Thunder home match against Boston Celtics on Thursday. The reigning NBA Most Valuable Player (MVP) eclipsed the 63-year-old mark of 126, set by the legendary Wilt Chamberlain, when he delivered a 20-foot jump shot from the top of the key with 7:04 remaining in the third quarter.

Chelsea captain James signs a new six-year deal

Chelsea captain Reece James said that the Blues "have everything it takes" to be successful after signing a new six-year contract at Stamford Bridge. A Chelsea academy graduate, James has been at the club since he was six.

LIVE TELECAST

Formula One: Chinese GP (Sprint Race); F1 TV, F1 TV Pro App & FanCode, 8.30 a.m.; Qualifying, 12.30 p.m.
Hockey: Women's WC Qualifiers (final day), Star Sports Khel & JioHotstar, 12.45, 3, 5.15 & 7.30 p.m.
I-League: Sony Sports Ten 1, 5 & LIV, 4 & 7 p.m.
ISL: Sony Sports Ten 2 & FanCode, 5 & 7.30 p.m.
LaLiga: FanCode, 6.30, 8.45, 11 p.m. & 1.30 a.m. (Sunday)
Serie A: DAZN, 7.30, 10.30 p.m. & 1.15 a.m. (Sunday)
Bundesliga: Sony LIV, 8 p.m.; Sony Sports Ten 2 & LIV, 11 p.m.
Premier League: SS Select 1, 2 & JioHotstar, 8.30 & 11 p.m.

India pips Italy, advances to the final

Manisha's deflected strike off a penalty corner proves enough for the host; the Salima-led side will face England in the title decider

WWC QUALIFIERS

Anirudh Velamuri
HYDERABAD

After labouring for large stretches of the contest, India managed to eke out a 1-0 win against Italy in the semifinals of the FIH Women's World Cup Qualifiers at the G.M.C Balayogi Hockey Ground here on Friday.

Head coach Sjoerd Marijne's pre-match call for the players to bring out their best seemed to go unheeded early on as India struggled to construct fluid attacks in the opening two quarters.

India enjoyed more of the ball after a cagey start but rarely troubled Italian goalkeeper Lucia Caruso. It was Italy that produced the first real chance when Lola Brea drove into the circle and unleashed a reverse hit which Bichu Devi Khariba m saved with her pads.

The visiting team continued to threaten despite having less possession. Guadalupe Moras nearly found space in the circle before Manisha Chauhan made a crucial last-ditch block, while Brea pounced on Udita's miscued overhead clearance but fired into the side netting from a tight angle.

Narrow win: Though India enjoyed a lot of possession, the host needed a slice of luck to breach the Italian defence. NAGARA GOPAL

India showed greater urgency at the start of the second quarter. Navneet Kaur, the team's leading scorer (four goals) in the tournament, won the home side's first penalty corner, with Caruso reacting sharply to deny her low effort following Sushila Chanu's fumble while trapping.

Navneet and Beauty Dung Dung linked up well down the right soon after, but India's attacking rhythm broke again when the final pass went astray – a recurring theme of the half.

The host came closest just before halftime from a penalty corner. Salima Tete injected the ball to Udita, who returned it to the captain. Salima's angled shot appeared to be creeping in until her counterpart Sara Puglisi produced a crucial block on the goalline.

Italy continued to test India after the restart. Maria Lunghi surged into the circle and set up Emilia Munitis, whose point-blank effort was denied by an alert Bichu Devi.

Navneet nearly broke the deadlock moments later with a dazzling run past three defenders, but Caruso parried her shot and Ishika failed to convert the rebound.

India finally found the breakthrough in the 40th minute, with a stroke of fortune. Manisha's drag-flick from a penalty corner took deflections off Teresa Dalla Vittoria and Sofia Laurito, wrong-footing Caruso and sailing into the net.

With the lead in hand, India gradually tightened its grip on the match. A late penalty corner for Italy briefly threatened to spoil the partisan crowd's celebrations – the DJ's "we want goals" chant adding a note of confusion and amusement. But Bichu Devi produced another fine save to ensure India's place in the title clash.

Facile win

Earlier, England registered a 2-0 win against Scotland in the other semifinal. The tournament's top-ranked side took the lead through Lottie Bingham, whose thunderous strike whizzed past Jessica Buchanan before the goalkeeper could react.

England doubled its lead at the fag end of the second quarter, with Bingham at the heart of the attack once again. She did well to find Darcy Bourne, who found the gap between the far post and Buchanan.

The results (semifinals): India 1 (Manisha Chauhan 40) bt Italy 0; England 2 (Lottie Bingham 25, Darcy Bourne 29) bt Scotland 0.

Preethi completes sprint double on the final day

PARA ATHLETICS

Uthra Ganesan
NEW DELHI

Preethi Pal completed her double, winning the 200m, to reaffirm her status as one of India's leading para athletes on the track on the final day of the World Para Athletics Grand Prix at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium here on Friday.

Preethi, who clocked 30.26 seconds to take gold in the T35 category, had won the 100m on the opening day. Preethi, who had also won the double at the season-opening grand Prix in Dubai last month, is now targeting the Asian Games.

"Timings are more important than medals here and things could have been better with tougher competition. I have been doing personal bests in training but that didn't happen today. But I am confident of improving in the coming tournaments," the double Paris Paralympic medallist said.

It was yet another day of Indian dominance in an event that has largely resembled a National championship given the smattering of foreign participants and very few entries in some of the events.

Superb show: Preethi again proved her credentials as the best sprinter in her class. FILE PHOTO: SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Farcical

The women's T11-12 200m became farcical when the only three entries – all Indians – failed to run. Two of the three failed to start and the lone remaining runner, Shirisha Govu, was disqualified. In men's 800m T20, only the two Russians turned up with Vladilen Voloshin pipping compatriot Kirill Kirikov for the top spot.

Important results (winners only): Men: 200m (T64): Pranav Desai (24.52s); **800m (T20):** Vladilen Voloshin (Rus, 1:54.26); **5000m (T54):** Ramesh Shanmugam (11:51.03); **shot put (F11-12, F20):** Praveen Sharma (13.31m); **shot put (F33-34):** Aslan Gazzaev (Rus, 10.03m); **shot put (F37):** Ankit (12.37m); **shot put (F53-54):** Ayush Verma (8.13m); **long jump (T11-12):** Gowtham Karanam (5.73m). **Women: 200m (T35-37**): Preethi Pal (30.26s); **discus throw (F55-56):** Garima Joshi (19.24m); **discus throw (F57):** Shilpa (20.68m).

Early pacesetter Russell takes the sprint pole

CHINESE GP

Agence France-Presse
SHANGHAI

Championship pacesetter George Russell took pole position on Friday for the Chinese GP sprint race, leading a Mercedes one-two ahead of Kimi Antonelli.

Russell clocked one minute and 31.520 seconds around the 5.451km Shanghai International Circuit, 0.289s quicker than Antonelli. World champion Lando Norris of McLaren finished 0.621s behind his fellow Englishman in third.

Joining Norris on the second row for Saturday's 19-lap race will be veteran Lewis Hamilton (+0.641s), the winner of the China sprint a year ago.

The McLarens left it till late in the final qualifying session to go out for their single flying lap, hoping to take advantage of the track at its quickest. And, it paid off. "I am actually pretty happy to beat both the Ferraris because they seemed pretty good the whole day," said Norris.

Enjoying himself: Russell says the engine is performing well and that he is happy driving during qualifying. REUTERS

Hamilton, fourth last week in Australia, said that he enjoyed a good Friday in Shanghai. "I am really pleased with the session, my team did a really great job," said Hamilton.

"The car generally felt great, it is just that we are losing on the straights (to Mercedes). We have a lot of work to do."

His teammate Charles Leclerc, third in Melbourne, was sixth fastest, while Oscar Piastri from McLaren and Alpine's Pierre Gasly came fifth and seventh respectively.

The Red Bulls struggled for pace again, with its new in-house power units replacing Honda as engine supplier and the drivers still getting to grips with the new regulations.

Four-time World champion Max Verstappen was eighth, a colossal 1.734s adrift of Russell, and Isack Hadjar was only 10th behind the Haas of Oliver Bearman. Sergio Perez did not take part in the session because of a fuel issue with his Cadillac, the new team on the grid.

Teams had only a single practice session earlier on Friday to hone their setups in Shanghai, which is a very different track to Melbourne. Shanghai has one long straight and several complexes of turns that require a different approach to battery deployment and energy harvesting in the new cars, which have a 50-50 split between conventional and electrical power.

Alcaraz ousts Norrie; Svitolina stuns Swiatek

TENNIS

Agencies
INDIAN WELLS

Carlos Alcaraz extended his unbeaten run this season and got revenge over Cameron Norrie to reach the semifinals at Indian Wells for a fifth straight year. The World No. 1 from Spain emerged from a see-saw battle with a 6-3, 6-4 victory on Thursday.

Alcaraz, 22, rewrote his 2026 season record to 16-0 with the win over Norrie, who had beaten him in the Paris Masters in November.

He will next meet Daniil Medvedev, who pushed his own ATP winning streak to eight matches with a 6-1, 7-5 victory over defending champion Jack Draper. World No. 2 Jannik Sinner powered past Learner Tien 6-1, 6-2 to line up a semifinal clash with Alexander Zverev, a 6-2, 6-3 victor over Arthur Fils.

In the women's section, Elina Svitolina sent two-time champion Iga Swiatek spinning out. The ninth-ranked Svitolina surged home after beating World No. 2 Swiatek 6-2, 4-6, 6-4 while Elena Rybakina thwarted Jessica Pegula's comeback bid in a 6-1, 7-6 (4) victory.

The results (quarterfinals): Men's singles: Carlos Alcaraz (Esp) bt Cameron Norrie (GBr) 6-3, 6-4; Daniil Medvedev (Rus) bt Jack Draper (GBr) 6-1, 7-5; Alexander Zverev (Ger) bt Arthur Fils (Fra) 6-2, 6-3; Jannik Sinner (Ita) bt Learner Tien (USA) 6-1, 6-2.
Women's singles: Aryna Sabalenka (Blr) bt Victoria Mboko (Can) 7-6(0), 6-4; Linda Noskova (Cze) bt Talia Gibson (Aus) 6-2, 4-6, 6-2; Elena Rybakina (Kaz) bt Jessica Pegula (USA) 6-1, 7-6(4); Elina Svitolina (Ukr) bt Iga Swiatek (Pol) 6-2, 4-6, 6-4.

Golden jubilee edition of SJFI's convention begins

Sports Bureau
NEW DELHI

The golden jubilee edition of the Sports Journalists Federation of India (SJFI) national convention began here on Friday, bringing the community back to the national capital after more than two decades.

Hosted by the Delhi Sports Journalists Association (DSJA), the four-day event began at the Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in the presence of Raksha Khadse, Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports, and Sports Secretary Hari Ranjan Rao, along with senior members of the sports media fraternity.

The ceremony included the unveiling of the J.K. Bose Inter-Zonal T20 Cricket Trophy and the A.C. Bali Table Tennis Trophy, which will run alongside the convention's discussions and networking activities. The draw for the T20 tournament pitted South Zone against East Zone and West against North.

Crucial link: Khadse emphasised the role of sports journalists in strengthening India's sporting culture. SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

Khadse emphasised the role of sports journalists in strengthening India's sporting culture. "Through your work, you are giving new energy to sports. The way you cover sports helps people understand how they can move forward and how young people can be encouraged to participate," she said.

The DSJA president Abhishek Tripathi highlighted the effort behind bringing the convention back to Delhi after 23 years. "The support from the Sports Ministry helped us overcome obstacles".

Pakistan levels series

Agencies
DHAKA

Maaz Sadaqat shone with a sparkling knock of 75 (46b, 6x4, 5x6) and a three-wicket haul as Pakistan thrashed Bangladesh by 128 runs (via DLS method) in the second ODI here on Friday to level the three-match series.

Sadaqat's innings ensured there would be no repeat of the batting implosion Pakistan suffered in the first ODI.

A controversial run-out broke the partnership between Salman Agha (64) and Mohammad Rizwan (44), and Pakistan lost its last seven wickets for 44 runs.

The scores: Pakistan 274 in 47.3 overs (Maaz Sadaqat 75, Rizwan 44, Salman Agha 64. Rishad 3/56) bt Bangladesh 114 in 23.3 overs (Litton Das 41, Rauf 3/26, Sadaqat 3/23) by DLS method. **Toss:** Bangladesh; **PoM:** Sadaqat.

Duplantis clears 6.31m to set 15th World record

If someone comes to Sweden to challenge me, they will find it even harder to beat me, says the champion pole vaulter

ATHLETICS

Agence France-Presse
UPPSALA (SWEDEN)

Armand Duplantis broke the pole vault World record on Thursday for the 15th time at the Mondo Classic here, clearing 6.31 metres on his first attempt.

The 26-year-old Swede broke the record he has owned since clearing 6.17m in 2020.

Duplantis only took four vaults at the indoor event in his adopted home town.

After clearing 5.65m, 5.90m and then 6.08m, all on his first attempts, he asked for the bar to be lifted 23cm to a World-record height.

He immediately soared over to end his evening's work.

It was the second time Duplantis has broken the World record in Sweden.

He cleared 6.28m in Stockholm last June, one of four World-record leaps in 2025.

"This is my home," Duplantis told the crowd. "This is our home. That's how it is.

Soaring high: Duplantis clears the new mark. AP

Great pride

"And you know that every time I'm on the track, I represent you. And I do it with great pride."

"I am so proud to have been able to do this in front of you. I jump for myself, I jump for my family, but I also jump for you, for Sweden, and for everyone who supports me," he said.

"If someone comes to Sweden to challenge me, they will find it even harder to beat me. I am very emotional right now. There was extra pressure because I wanted to achieve something different.

"Breaking the World record here is truly incredible," he then told Swedish broadcaster SVT.

> I jump for myself, I jump for my family, but I also jump for you, for Sweden, and for everyone who supports me

Duplantis said he lengthened his run-up to better control a stiffer pole.

"I tried to do something new and push myself to the limit. It's a really great feeling," he said.

Norway's Sondre Guttormsen was second with a leap of 6.00m. Emmanouil Karalis, who cleared 6.17m at the Greek indoor championship earlier this year, the highest by any vaulter other than Duplantis, failed three times at 6.00m.

Another chance

Duplantis will have a chance to increase his brand new record at the World Indoor Championships in Torun, Poland, at the end of March, when he will meet the Greek again.

Five Indians assured of medals at Futures Cup

Press Trust of India
BANGKOK

Five Indians assured themselves of podium finishes at the World Boxing Futures Cup here on Friday.

Gunjan (48kg), Joyshree Devi (54kg), Ambekar Meetei (50kg), Chandrika Pujari (51kg) and Radhamani Longjam (57kg) advanced to the semifinals. Gunjan secured a 5-0 unanimous decision victory over Azerbaijan's Gular Huseynova, while Joyshree defeated Japan's Yura Kanemaru by RSC in the first round.

Meetei progressed with a 4-1 victory over Japan's Akira Uekubo while Pujari outpunched Spain's Andrea Buelga Garcia by RSC in the second round. Radhamani registered a 4-1 win over England's Siobhan Haley. Sahil Duhan went down 1-4 to France's David Harutyunyan in 60kg.

South Zone squad for SJFI Annual Convention

Sports Bureau

The following will represent the South Zone in the SJFI Annual Convention, which also includes the J.K. Bose Trophy cricket tournament and the AC Bali Trophy table tennis tournament, being held in New Delhi:

S. Dipak Ragav, C. Santhosh Kumar, K. Keerthivasan, Swaroop Swaminathan, Tarun Shastry, Sankar Narayanan E.H. (all TNSJA), R. Satya, Ashish Pant, Ramakrishnan M.S., Shashank Kishore, Vijeth Kumar, Manuja Veerappa, R. Kaushik (all SWAB), Shiva Krishna Gundra, V.V. Subrahmanyam, V.L. Sashank, Chandrashekhar, Kommu Shiva Sai Babu (all TSJA), Ashraf Thaivalappu, Joy Nair (both KSJA).

A middling Bengaluru FC welcomes highflying Bagan

Key personnel: Bengaluru FC will need players like winger Ryan Dale Williams to click against Mohun Bagan. FILE PHOTO: J. ALLEN EGENUSE

ISL

N. Sudarshan
BENGALURU

With the Indian Super League adopting a condensed, single-leg round robin format this season, matches seemingly come thick and fast.

Within a blink of an eye, one-third of the campaign is over, and when Bengaluru FC welcomes Mohun Bagan Super Giant to the Sree Kanteerava Stadium on Saturday, it will be the beginning of the crucial middle phase.

The Kolkata powerhouse is flying high, winning all four of its matches to go top of the table and scoring 14 goals in the process. But all of those victories were at home and the travel down south will be its first outstation trip.

There are also concerns over the fitness of attacker Robson Robinho, and Bagan's most recent memory of being in the Garden City is the 0-3 loss in September 2024.

But the club has an overwhelmingly positive head-to-head record, having won 10 contests to BFC's two, including 2024-25 final last April.

BFC, meanwhile, has been middling at best. It lies sixth, with two victories, a draw and a loss. The most recent fixture, however, was a 2-1 win over Mohammedan Sporting Club.

"We have to take every match as it comes," said BFC coach Renedy Singh. "It's a big match, and everyone is aware of it. The defeat against Punjab was not easy, and the game away at Mohammedan was also a little difficult.

"This truncated season has been difficult. We've all got limited matches, and we are concerned about staying fit. Right now, we are going to be taking positives from our games, and I want my boys to fight till the last minute."

UTT Season 7 to be held in Goa in July

ANI
NEW DELHI

Goa will host the Ultimate Table Tennis's (UTT) seventh season at the Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium in July 2026.

The UTT has grown into one of the country's most prominent sporting properties since its launch in 2017 and this season promises another showcase of elite global talent alongside India's best paddlers, continuing the league's role as a platform where international stars and emerging Indian athletes compete shoulder to shoulder.

'Pillar in TT ecosystem'

Co-promoter Vita Dani said: "UTT has steadily become a pillar in India's table tennis ecosystem.

"Over the years, we've seen the standard of the sport rise across every level, from grassroots programmes to international competition.

"The league has created more exposure, stronger competition, and greater belief among Indian players.

"Our focus remains on building a world-class league that inspires young athletes, engages fans, and supports the long-term development of the sport. With the progress Indian table tennis has made recently, we are hopeful that initiatives like UTT can continue to contribute towards the larger vision of bringing India an Olympic medal in table tennis."

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Facile win for Continental Automotive

Continental Automotive defeated Bosch SC by six wickets in the KSCA Group II, Division II quarterfinal here.

The scores (quarterfinals):
Bosch 146/3 in 20 overs (Samarth Srinivas 61, Sharath Srinivas 59 n.o.) lost to Continental Automotive 147/4 in 19 overs.
Titan Company Limited 167/4 in 20 overs (B.A. Mohith 97 n.o.) lost to Bhagirathi Group 171/2 in 17.5 overs (Luvnith Sisodia 62, Shaun Tristan Joseph 44 n.o.).
BEL 156/9 in 20 overs (Anirudh Srinivas 54 n.o., Nikhilesh Kumar Thakur 41) bt South Railway Institute, Mysore 140/7 in 20 overs (J. Yashwanth 42).
Infosys Cricket Club 159/7 in 20 overs (B. Vineeth 59) bt Bangalore Telephones 108/9 in 20 overs (K. Rakshith 50).

Kishan in lead

R. Kishan took the lead at the end of Round 2 of the ARC 34th national tenpin bowling championships at Amoeba here.
Kishan finished Round 2 with a cumulative pinfall of 5136 across 24 games.
Defending champion Akaash Ashok Kumar climbed to second position with a total pinfall of 4910.
Tamil Nadu's Anirudhan Sanjeevi, 13, missed the top 16 cut to Round 3 by nine pins.

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